



Subject Leader Meeting Minutes: **ECO Schools**

Date: 20.03.24 at Southwold

Present: Linda Hanley, Fahmida Muqtadir, Lauren Ani, Lorna Ward

Agenda	Discussion	Agreed Action	Persons responsible
Matters Arising	<p>Key reflections from Sustainability conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How do embed Sustainability in the existing curriculum? Curriculum review. LW to meet RD. - Encouraging children to grow at home and strategies – buying seeds and herbs. - Grow With It pack – CT's to sign up for free seeds. - National Education Nature Park - The effects of outdoor learning on wellbeing & behaviour. - How to educate future generations of teachers - UCL <p>Feedback from cross site meeting and next steps</p> <p>Children pre-met locally on site so were prepared for discussions. Lots of good ideas for Earth Day. Lorna is finalising minutes which will be circulated accordingly.</p> <p>Earth Day is April 22nd 2024 – Theme is Planet vs Plastics –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ks2 Eco Team members to lead assemblies -Poster competition linked to water -Bottle top art installation as whole school project as bottle lids cannot be recycled and would make a great focal point. Leads to think about who might be best to create (parents. Staff, art contact) -In class activity similar to world book day and safer internet day to be sourced- potentially could use 'Transform our World youth summit' resource. Kelly Sullivan may have suggestions that would work for primary schools. -Wear blue and green and bring a £1 to school – this will support the fundraising element of Green Flag award. Eco Team to nominate the charity this will be donated to. 	<p>Leads to send an email to teachers to sign up locally</p> <p>ECO team to start using locally with leads</p> <p>Minutes to be circulated and uploaded to school websites through viridis comms</p> <p>Discussion with Kelly Sullivan about potential resources for in class activity – Local leads to agree on in class activity by end of wk6</p> <p>Earth day posters and flyer to be created / shared</p> <p>Assembly power point to be created / shared</p> <p>Poster competition linked to water to be create / shared</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA</p> <p>LW</p> <p>FM</p>
Core Priorities	Embedding the Ethos of Eco Schools across all year groups	Linda to contact Cassie / Alice at GYOP	LH

	<p>-Potential of gardening workshops led by GYOP for key pupils and Eco Team (target pupils could be PPG or those without access to outdoor space at home)</p> <p>-KS2 climate change assembly- Led by 'Young Climate Warriors' - Earth Day assembly led by Eco Teams happening across all 3 sites.</p> <p>-Discussion around meeting minutes being updated, circulated and uploaded to school websites. Agreed that half terms where there is not a cross site meeting a local site meeting should take place.</p> <p>Social media updates are being shared with comms – examples recycling, potato planting, photos from meetings.</p> <p>Green Flag Award: Water, Litter and Healthy Living All three sites are working in line and sharing links and ideas between subject leads to ensure consistency.</p> <p>Litter - All sites have shared The Big Spring Clean homework and Eco Team will complete a Big School Clean. EcoTeam are regularly checking pen recycling boxes.</p> <p>Water - Poster homework for Earth Day, water butt's added to EYFS mud kitchens, Eco Team's are doing tap checks and logging on Premises Helpdesk.</p> <p>Healthy Living – Y3 Hackney School of Food, planting potatoes (GYOP) and links with DT Day.</p> <p>Enrichment opportunities World week theme 'Our World our Responsibility' year group activities were linked to Eco themes and core texts. All year groups access gardening workshops throughout the year. DT Day - years 1-6 food-based activity. Upcoming Earth day poster competition</p>	<p>Leads to organise on site locally and share resources</p> <p>Leads to circulate any outstanding minutes by end of this half term.</p> <p>Leads to gather evidence locally for the green flag award and also to share with social media.</p> <p>Leads to continue to look for external enrichment opportunities and share across sites</p>	<p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p>
Continued Professional Development	<p>Development of pupil articulation of current issues -EYFS use planned topics to thread Eco themes through core texts and understanding the world table / areas eg, growing seeds and plants. -Work week core texts and evidence in specials books</p>	<p>Leads to focus on year group theme document and record where links to Eco can be made across the curriculum. Yr 5/6 - Lorna, Y3/4 - Lauren, Yr1/2- Fahmida.</p>	<p>LA, FM, LW</p>



	<p>-Core curriculum document with an overview of subjects and links to the environment to be reviewed by leads to support linking current issues within our taught curriculum.</p> <p>Pupil voice is being gathered through on site and cross site meetings. Further development through whole school discussion using school council to be implemented in summer term Pupil survey to be carried out post Earth day to inform next year and future whole school events.</p> <p>Staff are reminded through briefing messages and Eco team members feeding back from meetings about key messages and what can be done within the class.</p>	<p>Leads to speak to local school council lead to add to an upcoming agenda.</p> <p>Leads to share briefing messages locally and hints and tips in the staff room / communal areas.</p>	<p>LA, FM, LW</p> <p>LA, FM, LW</p>
Standards	<p>Action Plan – to be updated by subject leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding the Ethos of Eco Schools across all year groups • Green Flag Award: Water, Litter and Healthy Living • Enrichment opportunities 	Impact statements to be updated at the next meeting as there are many actions still upcoming.	LA, FM, LW
Context	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy/sustainability-and-climate-change-a-strategy-for-the-education-and-childrens-services-systems</p>		
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