

**ECO COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018**

Present:

Reception	Dehryn & Finlay
Year 1	Corey
Year 2	Max & Shannon
Year 3	Alexander & Jessica
Year 4	Louis & Sienna
Year 5	Filip & Lacey
Year 6	Caerwyn

Staff present: Mrs Huntington, Miss Harrison & Kim Lague

Mrs Huntington welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the children would be learning about composting today. Mrs H asked if anyone knew what composting was. Some children had good ideas about what it was and what it involved.

Mrs H explained that you can buy compost for your gardens but it was a great idea to make it from stuff we usually threw away. Compost provided food and nutrients for flowers, vegetables, trees and plants. Mrs H asked the children what else they felt plants etc needed to grow. After much thought and consideration it was decided they needed water and sunshine.

Mrs H had organised an activity where the children learned what would make good compost and what ingredients were probably not good for composting. From the information they had been provided with the children learned that it would be good to include eggshells, vegetable peelings, grass cuttings, tea bags and dead leaves.

In the next activity Mrs H had made an "in" bin and an "out" bin and the children were invited to select items and decide which bin they needed to go into. The children were very knowledgeable about which bin items should go into. Once every item had been placed in a bin by the children Mrs H went through them checking if they were in the right bin.

Mrs H explained that for composting items needed to be able to "break down". There also needed to be a balance of green waste, fruit, vegetable peelings etc and brown waste to create carbon, twigs, paper etc.

Mrs H reminded children that items that could not be composted may still be able to be recycled, ie milk cartons and crisp packets.

We thought about where else we could obtain items for composting. It was decided we would ask the kitchen to save their raw food scraps for us and we could ask Adam to get the groundsman to leave us some of their grass cuttings. Adam suggested the councillors could collect leaves from around the school if they would like to.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6 March 2018.**