



Eco Meeting Spring 2 Thursday 15th March 12:30 Library

Year 1: 1OH Harry D - 1PH Brooke A

Year 2: 2JC-Alfie T-W-2LG Ewen D

Year 3: 3Af Lilly B - 3CH-Harry R

Year 4: 4HS-Lucy F 4HO-Jessie N & James J

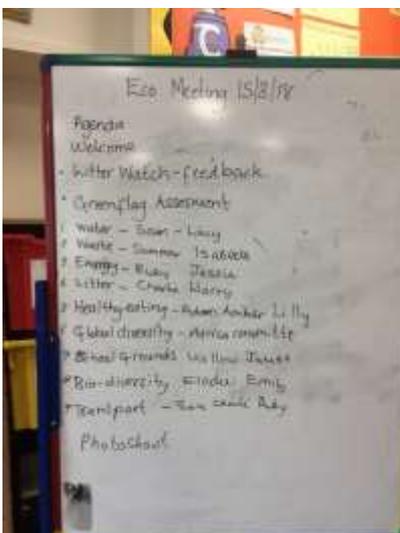
Year 5: 5KH - Elodie H & Willow F 5BL Adam W & Summer T

Year 6: 6NS/JE Kaylan N & Zofiah S 6JC Charlie J, Ruby J, Kacie G & Sam O

Mrs Lacey Mrs Hughes

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Green Flag Assessment
3. Transport for Greater Manchester Website Request- Ian Patterson
4. WE Charity Concert –Morwenna James (Cake Bake Y5)
5. BEE Rules Badges
6. Woodlands Trust – Mel Francis
7. Waste Week- Plastic pollution School Grounds
8. Easter Service Theme
9. Tameside Council Leader Visit- Brenda
10. Task Day Parents/staff Volunteer Tidy-up Easter Holidays 11/4/18
11. Visitation- Clean Air Day- Matthew O’Neil TfGM 17/4/18 Ian Saxton Tameside Council 18/5/18



Our Eco Committee working on the Agenda and Green Flag Application

1. Welcome to everyone was said by the Officers with a special welcome to reception class representatives.

2. Green Flag assessment. Karyn at Eco Schools has accepted the Green flag submission and we await the green Flag assessment date early Summer 1.

Sam suggested teams relating to the nine strands.

Transport-Sam O, Casey, Ruby, Adam

Waste Summer, Isabelle

Energy- Ruby and Jessica

Litter- Charlie Harry

Biodiversity- RSPB Elodie Emily

School Grounds- Willow, James

Global Diversity – Africa Committee Officers – Melissa, Kai

Water – Sam and Lucy

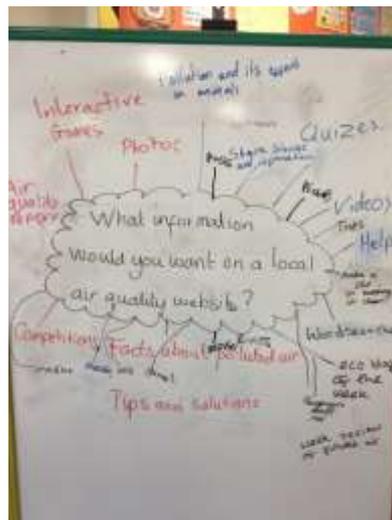
3. Transport for Greater Manchester Website Request- Ian Patterson

We have been asked by TfGM to help them with their Website for Clean Air Day and the types of topics/features we would like to see.

We are keen to understand

- *To what extent are schools using the current Air Quality web site (see <http://www.greatairmanchester.org.uk/>);*
- *What web sites are schools using to explore Air Quality issues;*
- *What information would they want on a local air quality web site.*

We will meet up on Wednesday to discuss these questions.



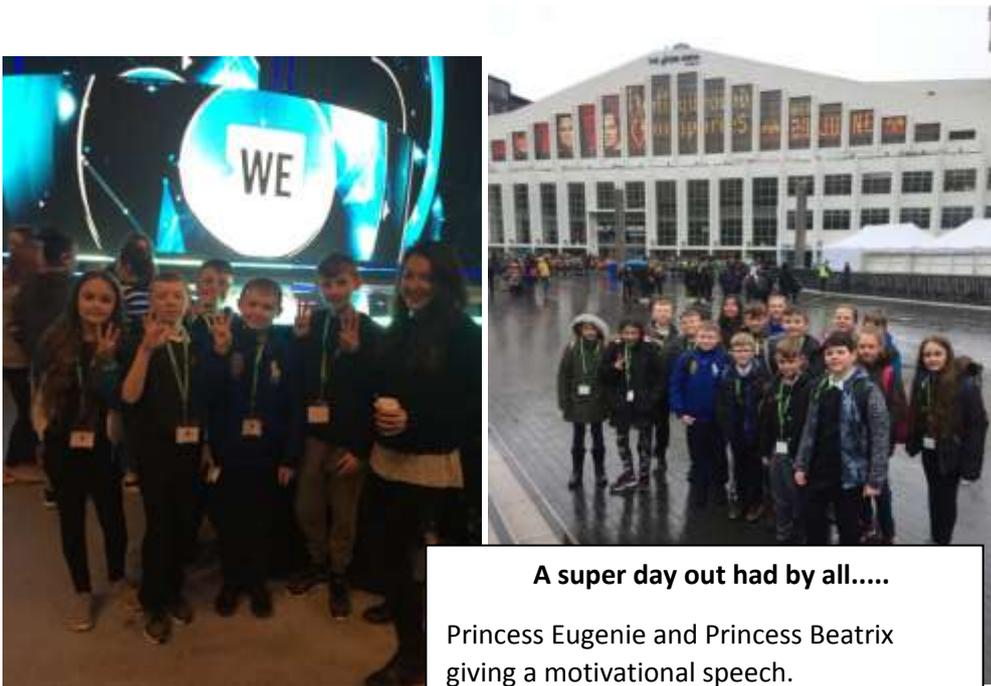
“When I discovered that your Eco Committee is made up of students I was very impressed because their input has been wonderful.

As mentioned yesterday, *I've been blown away by the enthusiasm at Gorse Hall for this topic and the activities you have conducted previously – everything from car counting to lichen hunts, I am truly impressed. It has been great to have a window into your world and witness a model that could be expanded into other schools, for the good over the region.*"

Ian and the team at NCC Group.

4.WE Charity Concert –Morwenna James (Cake Bake Y5)

Charlie, Ruby and Sam gave some really positive feedback about the trip down to London for the WE Charity Concert celebrating childrens achievements and empowering them to make a difference. (See School Blog)





Thank you to Elodie, Frankie, Olivia and Charlotte who raised over £30 for **WE Water** from their delicious Cake Sale. Well done!

5 BEE Rules Badges

We really love our New BEE Rules replacing our Always Rules. This will link in with our exciting BEE in the City Project next term (See details next term)



6. Woodlands Trust

Pam dropped by from the Woodland Trust to enrol us into their exciting activities and initiatives. We will consider planting more trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the school to help clean air and absorb pollution.



7. Waste Week- Plastic pollution School Grounds- A pupil Voice Year 6 Initiative

Well done to year 6 PV for analysing and finding solutions to our litter pollution problem.

Charlie said that the presentation/assembly was particularly meaningful as it highlighted the issues surrounding this problem.

We reminded ourselves that litter problem in the playground and surrounding areas was three-fold--we want to

- stop litter pollution
- Dissuade the Seagulls from bombarding our playground
- Encourage healthy eating



Our litter assembly delivered by Pupil Voice.
Analysing the problem by collecting data on a daily basis.
Evidence of bird droppings on childrens coats



Year 5 collecting litter- We are particularly worried about plastic litter.

Our playground is virtually litter free now that we eat our healthy snacks inside.
The sea-gulls have flown too!



8 Easter Service- Easter Flowers

Our audit by the RSPB suggested that we plant more wild flowers so to highlight the types of flowers associated with spring so our Easter Church theme was "All in an Easter Garden". This told the story of Easter through different types of wild flowers. Buzzing Bees and Easter Chicks were the theme of the day too.



9.Tameside Council Leader Visit- Brenda Warrington

We welcomed Brenda Warrington—the new leader of Tameside Council and Councillor Alyson Gwynn to Gorse Hall School.

Casey said that it was great to listen to her plans for Clean Air Day and offered us some really good advice.

We hope they come back to visit us again soon- Thank you Brenda and Alyson.

<http://www.stalybridgecorrespondent.co.uk/2018/04/03/schoolchildren-join-campaign-to-tackle-deadly-air-pollution/>



Brenda and Alyson looking at the super work the Eco Committee is contributing to.



Schoolchildren join campaign to tackle deadly air pollution

April 3, 2018 Tony Bugby

STALYBRIDGE schoolchildren are calling on drivers to help tackle deadly air pollution by turning their car engines off at the school gates.



Children from Gorse Hall Primary School with their headteacher and Cllr Brenda Warrington and Cllr Allison Gwynne

Pupils and teachers at Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School are helping raise awareness of the health dangers of keeping the engine running when parked up.

They've joined Tameside Council in supporting Transport for Greater Manchester's campaign to tackle some of the common myths about leaving vehicle engines ticking over.

The youngsters held up signs saying "engine off when you stop" to drive home the message. The roadside signs will be placed around the borough.

A recent study revealed that switching off the engine when at a standstill could help reduce air pollution during peak travel hours by as much as 30 per-cent.

One misconception is that it's a waste of fuel to restart the engine. But leaving it running wastes more fuel – every two minutes ticking over is the fuel equivalent of driving a mile.

The campaign also calls on people to walk or cycle where possible, use public transport, car share and to consider upgrading to a hybrid or electric vehicle.

The eco-friendly school is already an advocate for tackling air pollution after taking part in National Clean Air Day last summer.

Pupils made a video about its causes and what families can do to protect themselves and the environment — and were named runners-up in a competition run by TfGM.

Headteacher Alexandra Flood said: "Our school has done much to raise awareness of the dangers poor air quality can have on our health.

"And we've asked children, parents and staff to pledge to take action to reduce air pollution.

"These changes can be as simple as switching off the car engine during the school drop off, walking to school and avoiding busy roads, or travelling by bus or train."

Tameside Council executive leader Cllr Brenda Warrington said: “This is a tremendous initiative from Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School and it is something that we should encourage all schools across Tameside to do.

“Air pollution is a real health danger – but we can all take simple actions to help reduce it.”

It’s estimated that air pollution contributes to the premature deaths of up to 2,000 people in Greater Manchester each year.

Watch Gorse Hall’s clean air day video online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLYsAAIUGgY

10-Task Day Parents/staff Volunteer Tidy-up Easter Holidays 11/4/18

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Lacey discussed the possibility of having a “Task Day” in the Easter holidays to tidy up the School grounds. A notice will go up in the staff room.



We had a super response from staff, former pupils and children.
Well done everyone.
Ready for planting now!

