### Eco/Africa Meetings & Activities 2023/24 Autumn 2

### **Gorse Hall Primary School Stalybridge GM**

# Attendees and Apologies Mrs Hughes 7 Mrs Bowers

Years 1-6 Welcome to our Governors Mrs Ashton Mr O'Dowd

### **Building Character and Resilience**

- Resilience
- Empowerment
- Well-being





#### Agenda:

## 1: "Switch Off Fortnight" Awareness Assembly/ Cut your Carbon

Energy: 6<sup>h</sup> November 24 KS1 & 2 Schools Global Action Plan -O carbon emissions

Carbon Dioxide monitors: Now installed in all classes.

Solar panels /energy efficient boiler LED lighting fitted throughout school has impacted on our schools energy efficiency.

Energy Display Certificate: updated and on target

H and D to draft a timetable



#### Action: Review of Activities from last half term on PPP

Chn to present Energy video to highlight that making simple lifestyle adjustments can make a big difference:

- Switching off lights
- Adjusting the thermostat
- Good Ventilation (Covid safe)
- Standby/Vampire switch off
- No dripping/running taps
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose
- Travel (Walk if You Can)



#### ECO ACTION TEAM: EAT

Eco (Energy)and a Africa (water)monitors.

Every Friday Eco monitors are to assess energy savings.





- 1= Switch off lights at BREAK and LUNCH-TIMES
- 2= Keep your classroom ventilated(Covid Safe)
- 3= Make sure the IWB is switched off at lunch-times!

Remember: 'Don't Drop Litter"
"Turn Off Water Taps"!

#### Photos



# Display Energy Certificate Good News!!!!!

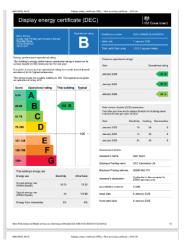
Well done to everybody – we have cut our carbon emissions!

\*\*\*Please keep up this super work\*\*\*

Results have been submitted to Eco Schools









### 2. Pond Update Survey and audit: Food Chains

As bioindicators [edit]

Newts, as with salamanders in general and other amphibians, serve as bioindicators because of their thin, sensitive skin and evidence of their presence (or absence) can serve as an indicator of the health of the environment. Most species are highly sensitive to subtle changes in the pH level of the streams and lakes where they live. Because their skin is permeable to water, they absorb oxygen and other substances they need through their skin. Scientists study the stability of the amphibian population when studying the water quality of a particular body of water, [chalton needed]

Well done to the children who have been maintaining and assisting with surveying the pond – the results have been really exciting and is a testimony to all the hard work we have been putting into developing school grounds to promote biodiversity.









Biodiversity – Woodland Experience Fungus Hunt and Tree identification to be carried out by D, A and E.

Some super keywords to describe our forest school experiences:

Discovery – Communication-Teamwork Self-confidence- Trust - Friendships









# Waste: Stitch Club Upcycling materials

"Explore the socio-environmental impacts of how we produce, consume and waste clothes" Pathway:
Curriculum EChO Stitch Club
Spring 1 to continue with Marianne in 5CH







## Special Requests

Nature Library:

Mrs Hughes to collate books and will be located in the Ladybird Room

Eco Action plan to be reviewed and updated in January



Date of next meeting Spring 1