

GREENSHOOTS PRE-SCHOOL

ECO PROJECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2021

PRESENT: NATALIE, ABBY, ELLIE, CLAUDIA, KATUSHA (VIA ZOOM)

Natalie welcomed members to the first meeting of the Eco-Schools Project Committee. Greenshoots is now registered with Eco-School. There are 7 steps for Early Years settings to follow:

STEP1 - form an Eco Committee - it was confirmed that those attending the meeting today would be the committee along with a few older children from the setting.

STEP 2 - Environmental Review - Abby went through the checklist to establish where we were at as a setting. It was agreed that would look at a compost bin and second hand dryer (**KE to action**).

STEP 3 - Action Plan - We needed to select 3 topics from a list of 10 to focus on. It was decided that would focus on the following:

Marine - could adopt a marine animal - **NL looking into**, contact local Aquarium to link up and after half-term would have Under the Sea theme which could include environmental issues. **KE to email Aquarium**. Also consider doing home learning activity for families over Summer e.g. Treasure Hunt.

Healthy Living - as part of co-op funding already looking at this in terms of growing veg etc. Agreed to consider how parents/carers can be involved and look at visiting the allotment. **NL to contact school re. allotments**.

Litter - this has already started with looking at re-cycling and purchase of litter pickers.

STEP 4 - Link to Curriculum

STEP 5 - Inform and Involve - minutes from meetings to be added to website, need Eco display and involve children.

STEP 6 - Evaluate and Monitor

STEP 7 - Eco Code

Once the steps are complete can look at Green Flag Assessment - Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards - costs £200.

NL has set up an Eco-School Project file.

Next Meeting - TBC.