

Eco Committee : Term 2 Minutes 2024-2025		Date: 11/12/24	
 	St Joseph's		
	P1	Rebecca	
	P2	Aazaria	
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	P4	Rhiannon, Karlton	
	P5	Nanci-Rose	
	P6	Gregor	
	P7	Brooke, Rubie, Kamil	
	Staff	Miss Scott	

1. **Welcome** - Miss Scott welcomed committee members to our Term 2 meeting.

### Current Projects

#### Litter and Waste

**Creating litter and dog fouling posters with our visitor.**

1. The children discussed the issue of dog fouling outside our school grounds. They are keen to take action. Our local Community Safety Officer, Andrew Hay will be visiting our school in term 2 to work with all pupils on the issues of litter and dog fouling. The Eco Committee could report that both classes have been creating dog fouling posters in P1-4 and P5-7. Our Community Safety Officer will help mount these onto weatherproof board along with the authority logo to encourage responsible dog ownership. Our Parent Council were also concerned about this issue. Ms. Whorlow arranged for the Community Safety Team to put up official signs along our railing.

**Action: Classes to work with our Community Safety Officer to create dog fouling posters**

2. **Little picking rota-**

Our litter picking rota is still ongoing and Miss Scott has asked the P7 leaders in each group to ensure all pupils in the rota are participating during their given slot. This is to ensure our playground stays tidy as we often have Stranraer Academy pupils leaving litter after school hours. Ms. Whorlow is organising to buy some more litter pickers

**Action: Eco Committee/P7 Pupils to ensure the weekly litter rota is taking place**

**Action: Ms. Whorlow to buy more litter pickers**

3. **Save water- use our own bottles and reduce water waste.**

Our committee have created a QR code by saying a short phrase to remind everyone of the important of saving water. We will print and stick these around the school (at water points) to remind everyone to bring their own bottles and reduce the use of water and plastic waste. Please see below for the QR code.

**Action: Eco Committee to display the QR posters around school**



*Remember to save your water!*

#### 4. Book swap at the Christmas Fair

Our Eco Committee think it would be a good idea to host a book swap stall at the Christmas Fair to encourage recycling and reduce waste. By swapping books, we're giving everyone the chance to enjoy new stories without buying new items, promoting a more sustainable approach. It's a fun and eco-friendly way to share the joy of reading with others and support our school's commitment to protecting the environment. Plus, it's a great way to find a special book for the holidays!

Action: Eco Committee to arrange donations of books and to request books from the Community Reuse Shop to make up a stall

#### Improving Our School Grounds

5. Our committee reported that they were delighted to be given the opportunity to share their views on what equipment we should buy with the outdoor play equipment grant Parent Council organised. The group informed Miss Scott that the most popular choice was a pirate ship. The children were able to say that they made wise budget choices when considering best value for money.

[Pupil Consultation on Outdoor Equipment! - St Joseph's Primary Website](#)

Action: Parent Council/Ms Whorlow to investigate suppliers that meet the required regulation standards that we must have for equipment in school.

6. Since our last meeting, the children are continuing to work with our Local Red Squirrel Society to improve the habitats that our school grounds offer. The children said they enjoyed very much working with Nigel to set up monitoring cameras to observe squirrels using the homes and feeders we have made. The feeders need topped up.

[Exciting Visit from Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Charity! - St Joseph's Primary Website](#)

Action: Kamil, Brook, Rubie and Gregor to top up the feeders with monkey nuts provided by Ms. Whorlow

#### Climate Action

7. Nanci Rose, Gregor, Rubie, Brook and Kamil were able to feed back to the group that they have been learning about climate action in class. They took part in a webinar with Drax on hydro-electric power. The children were able to say how this is a sustainable form of energy production and how this helps our environment

[P5-7 Explore Hydropower in Dumfries and Galloway! - St Joseph's Primary Website](#)

8. Our action plan includes that we should learn about Greenhouse Gases. The children are keen to find out more.

Action: Class Teachers to plan and deliver a lesson on Greenhouse gases.

#### AOB


The group were able to report that they have been raising awareness of how we can all do our bit to look after our environment and behave in a more sustainable way. They have created posters and signs that they have displayed around our school linked to climate action.

[Our Faith & Stewardship - St Joseph's Primary Website](#)

Miss Scott thanked everyone for their time and hard work

5. **Date of Next Meeting** - To be scheduled

See below for our Action Schedule

	<b>Eco Actions</b> <b>Term 2, 2024 - 2025</b>	<b>Who by?</b>	<b>When by?</b>
	Dog Fouling posters	P1-4 members and P5-7 members (chosen by class teacher).	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November.
	Litter picking posters	Whole school (ran by Mr McKeand).	Date tbc
	Litter picking rota	Whole school (see rota for which pupils each week).	Ongoing
	Buy Litter Pickers	Ms. Whorlow	Dec 2024
	Save water QR codes	Rhiannon, Karlton.	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
	Oversee litter picking rota	Rubie, Kamil and Brooke	Term 2
	Book swap stall posters	P1-4 Eco Committee members	December 6 <sup>th</sup>
	Sorting books into categories for stall.	P5-7 Eco Committee members	Date in December tbc
	Rota for book stall	All Eco Committee members	Date of Christmas Fair
	Top up the feeders with monkey nuts provided by Ms. Whorlow	Kamil, Brook, Rubie and Gregor to	November 2024
	Parent Council/Ms Whorlow to investigate suppliers that meet the required regulation standards that we must have for equipment in school.	Parent Council/Ms Whorlow	January 2024