**Eco Minutes. Thursday 14th February 10am**

**Present:** Miss Heenan, Mrs Ola, Mrs Boswell, Mrs Murray.

Miss Heenan welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting.

* Staff now continuing to put eco information on the noticeboard as well as on the newsletter and on the blog which parents are happy about.
* Mrs Todd phoned the milk company about their use of plastic straws. They said their plan is to move to paper straws in the future but couldn’t give an exact date about when this would be happening.
* Agreed to wait and mention in the March newsletter a request for families to send in examples of their eco work at home and in the community and/or with Adventure Ted. It was felt this would be better as we had a very busy January and February with the Wrigley Campaign.
* Mrs Ola and Miss Heenan spoke about how enthusiastic the children are in nursery to be eco monitors and how they take great delight in using the checklist by themselves. Photos of this activity have been put on eco noticeboard to share this with families. Agreed this way of working further reinforces the message of conserving water and energy with the children. BEYC next **Switch Off Day** is on Thursday 21st February where will use no electricity in nursery for an hour, use candles, no cooked snack, no ipads etc.
* Mrs Ola shared information regarding our Big Schools Birdwatch Tuesday 12th February.(watch out for photos on the blog coming soon)

**Wrigley Litter Less** **Update (second litter pick Wednesday 13th February AM)**

* Our Launch Day was a great success and had a real community feel as it not only involved our nursery children but also our nursery staff, some parents, staff from the West Lothian Council Cleaner Communites Team, the local Tesco Community Champion and children from the Eco Committee from nearby St Mary’s Primary School. Three local councillors visited too and a worker from Sustrans also joined us on our litter pick on the cycle path.  West Lothian Council media team took a short video clip of our launch day litter pick which is now on their facebook page. The newspaper, West Lothian Courier also took photographs and asked for information about the campaign for a newspaper article which is now displayed on our noticeboard. We also promoted our event by putting up banners about litter on our perimeter fence and provided stencils on the ground regarding dog fouling and litter every 50 yards from the nursery and onto the cycle path. Both these initiatives were in conjunction with West Lothian Council Cleaner Communities Team and will hopefully promote the campaign to the wider community. Fifty people took part in our first litter pick at our chosen area of part of the nearby cycle path.  We initially took photographs of the litter we found. (This will be a record of how the area looked at the beginning of the campaign.) Everybody then worked together to collect the litter.  We then took the bags of litter back to nursery where children and staff weighed the bags. We collected 3kg and 800g. As well as our litter pick at the cycle path we also collected litter in the nursery garden as well as doing indoor activities on our Launch Day too which involved 110 children in our nursery and 13 staff.
* Agreed to take photographs of children to make a sign about how we cleaned a section of the path but wait until the campaign has ended (end of April/start of May)

**A.O.B.**

* **Share outcome of Wrigley Litter Less Campaign on Wester Inch Community Association Page.**
* **Plan litter picks for March and April as part of Wrigley Campaign.**
* **Organise ‘Try at Home’ sheets regarding saving energy.**
* **Take part in Earth Hour Event at nursery and at home in March.**