

**YSGOL RHIWABON
ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2008**

Present: Staff: Mr H Phillips (Assistant Headteacher)

Students: Y8 Stephanie Surrey, Hannah Henderson, Stephen Jones,
Laura Stenton, David Roberts, Joanna Taylor

Y10 Leanne Harris, Philippa Lancaster-Moore, Robert Derry

Y11 Callum Edwards, Ryan Powell, Sally Morris, Nick Jones,
John Mainley, Sam Mayers, Leah Marubbi, Jordan Potts

1 Mr Phillips welcomed all present to the first Eco-School Committee meeting of this school year.

2 Progress During 2007-8

As there were a number of new members on the Eco-Committee, Mr Phillips summarised the progress made during the previous year:-

- Three meetings held, on 18/12/07, 26/2/08 and 13/5/08.
- A focus on three topics:- waste minimisation, litter, school grounds.
- A paper bank for recycling paper.
- Cardboard being collected as part of a WCBC recycling scheme
- Work of the Eco-School Committee publicised on the school's website.
- Hand towels and toilet paper used in school are made from 100% recycled paper/tissue.
- Groundwork projects have improved the school grounds, eg flower beds, benches.
- Fluorescent tubes replaced in classrooms and offices by more energy-efficient lamps, an energy saving of 25%.
- The school successfully applied for the Bronze-level Eco-Schools Certificate, now on display near the Eco-School noticeboard on the E-corridor.

3 Eco-Day

A successful Eco-Day was held on the 16th July for Year 9 students. The day was divided into two main sessions:-

AM – each student attended one of two sessions: fly fishing and the environment, ecological footprint designing an energy saving notice, food miles, making a bird box/bird table.

PM – six tutor groups cleaned up the catchment area of Ysgol Rhiwabon, working with the "Tidy Towns Officer" for Keep Wales Tidy, local councillors and local neighbourhood Police.

Action

At the next Eco-School Committee meeting

- Judge entries for the 'Design an energy saving notice' competition.
- Arrange for the delivery of the bird tables/bird boxes to local junior schools.

4 Eco-Code

The Eco-Committee wants to devise an Eco-Code for the school. This is a mission statement which demonstrates the school's commitment to improving its environmental performance and sustainability. The Eco-Code should cover the real actions that students and staff intend to carry out. Discussion took place regarding the possible content of the Eco-Code.

Action

Mr Phillips to contact tutor groups for their views on what should be included in the Eco-Code. Memo to be distributed to tutor groups on Monday 20th October, with feedback returned by Wednesday 5th November.

5 Date of next meeting:-

Friday 7th November, Period 1 in G7

**HP
9th October 2008**