

**YSGOL RHIWABON
ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 13 MAY 2008**

Present: Staff: Mr G Evans – Business Manager
 Mr P Jenkins (Science Department)
 Mr H Phillips (Assistant Headteacher)
 Ms D Williams – (Youth Worker)

Students: Year 10 - Callum Edwards, Jordan Potts, Ryan Powell
 Year 11 - Robert Hughes

Apologies: Mrs C Ballamy, Mr W Roberts, Mr S Scourfield.

1. Mr Phillips welcomed all present to the third meeting of the Eco-School Committee at Ysgol Rhiwabon.

2. Year 9 Eco Schools Days

Discussion took place regarding the Eco-Day arranged for Wednesday 16th July, to be co-ordinated by Mr Evans and Mr Phillips. It was agreed that pupils would be divided into groups with a maximum of 20 pupils per group. The following were put forward as possible activities for the day:

- Shredding tree bark to cover flower beds.
- Clean up of sites in catchment area.
- Recycle paper
- Tree planting
- Invite Catherine Knight (Recycling Officer) to school
- Invite Liz Carding (Ty Mawr County Park) to school.
- Invite Emma Broad (Biodiversity Officer) to school.
- Making smoothies to illustrate air miles.

Action

- Mr Phillips to contact Catherine Knight and Liz Carding.
- Mr Evans to contact Community Council and Emma Broad
- Mr Phillips to contact Catrin Davies (Eco-School Officer for N.E. Wales) regarding possible activities for the day.

3. Cardboard Collection

Mr Phillips informed the meeting of the letter recently received from WCBC (25 04 08) regarding the introduction of cardboard collections from all Wrexham Schools. Collections commenced in the week beginning 12 May. Mr Evans has already I mailed all staff regarding the arrangements.

Action

- Staff to be encouraged to recycle cardboard, needs to be flattened before being taken to the compound outside the canteen.
- Thicker cardboard to be offered to Mr Williams (Head of Technology) for creating templates.

4. Ysgol Rhiwabon Website

Callum Edwards had written an item on the Eco-School committee as an introduction to a page on the website.

Action

- Callum, Jordan and Ryan to be responsible for passing information to Mr Bailey for inclusion on the website, e.g. information sheet on recycling.
- Mr Phillips to pass copies of all Eco-School committee meeting minutes to Mr Bailey.

5. Groundwork Project

Ms Williams provided an update on progress with the project at the front of the school. Project progressing well with flower beds and benches in place. There is the possibility of additional funding being available. There will be two Year 10 groups undertaking practical work of this nature in September 2008.

Action

- Ms Williams to provide information to Mr Phillips on possible accreditation for working on these projects e.g. COPE (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness).
- Mr Phillips to consider involving other groups in project work e.g. Year 9 groups.

6. Art Competition

The committee agreed that we should organise a competition in Year 7 to encourage pupils to switch off lights and PCs when rooms are not in use, particularly at the end of the day.

Action

- Mr Phillips to contact Mrs Moore regarding Year 7 Art project.
- The committee to judge the entries, winning entry to be commercially produced and displayed in all rooms.

7. Tree Planting

The Year 10 Alternative Curriculum group had planted trees at the entrance to the school. Unfortunately, many of these had been damaged. Mr Davies a resident on Pont Adam had kindly donated a tree for planting. We need to ensure that trees planted in the future are fenced off.

Action

- Mr Evans to contact Emma Broad regarding the project for planting native Welsh trees.

8. Bronze Level Certificate

It was agreed that sufficient progress had been made in the Spring term for the school to apply for the Bronze level Eco-Schools Certificate.

Action

- Mr Phillips to apply for the award before the end of term.

9. AOB

- Mr Evans informed the meeting that the hand towels and toilet paper used in the school are made from 100% recycled paper/tissue.
- Mr Jenkins referred to the compost bins being created by the L Block, biodegradable matter from the school canteen should be placed here.
- The Eco-School committee needs to recruit representatives from Years 7, 8, & 9.

Action

- Mr Phillips to recruit two pupils from each year after speaking to Lead Learners.

HP
21 May 2008