

YSGOL RHIWABON

ECO-SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Year 7	-	Damon Siddle Hatfield (7SNS)
Year 8	-	Lydia Billington (8AJ), Michael Roberts (8ND), Keeley Reece-Gillam (8FR), Chloe Williams (8FR)
Year 9	-	Kelsey Griffiths (9ADW), Shannon Griffiths (9ER), Rhys Rutter (9ER)
Year 10	-	Adam Hughes (10KF)
Year 11	-	Jessica Cuffin (11EG), Dylan Jones (11CB), Alex Williams (11CB)

Mr Phillips (Assistant Headteacher)

- 1 Mr Phillips welcomed all present to the third Eco-school committee meeting of the school year.
- 2 Letter from Jane Davidson AM
Mr Phillips referred to the letter received from Jane Davidson AM following the Eco-Youth forum in Cardiff on 10th May 2010. Twenty schools had been invited to this event and Ysgol Rhiwabon had been represented by Andrew Lucy (Y11), Ross Pemberton (Y11) and Callum Edwards (Y13). Students had been asked to think about what Wales should do in the next decade to become more sustainable, they were then asked to create a list of the top ten actions they wanted to see happen. Jane Davidson, in her letter, summarised the progress made by WAG on issues such as energy, transport and waste.
Action: Mr Phillips to ask Mr Bailey to put the letter on the school website.
- 3 Green Light Festival 2011
Letter received from Caroline Pollitt (Environmental Education Officer) inviting the school to participate in the Green Light Festival showcase. This will be an outdoor staged event in Queen's Square on Friday 1st July. Each school involved can submit up to three performances on the theme of "The Environment".
Action:
 - Mr Phillips to see Mr Erlandson, Ms Davies and Ms Jones regarding singing music, drama or dance performances.
 - Mr Phillips to take the Eco Committee to the Green Light Festival Showcase.
- 4 "I Will for Wales" campaign
Keep Wales Tidy have recently launched their "I Will for Wales" campaign. The campaign is making a plea to the people of Wales to look after the environment and keep their local area clean and tidy in 2011. The campaign is encouraging individuals and organisations to make small lifestyle changes that collectively will have huge impact on the environment and people's pockets; small changes that will dramatically improve the areas where we live and work.

Action: Eco-Committee to decide on the pledge when reviewing the Eco-code at the next meeting on 14th March 2011.

5 Environment 2000

Oliver Phelan, Business Development Manager for "Environment 2000" (energy efficient lighting specialists that had recently been working in the school) had been invited to speak to the committee about energy savings. Unfortunately, he had been unable to attend the meeting due to last minute work commitments. Hopefully, he will be able to attend a future meeting of the Eco-Committee.

6 Environmental Review

Feedback had been obtained from students in each key stage using the "Eco-Schools Environmental Review". This is an audit consisting of questions on each of the eight topic areas. Mr Phillips summarised the main points which will feed into the action plan:

- litter - identify litter hotspots eg by Sports Hall
 - relocate and secure bins
 - PSE lesson/assembly to focus on litter education
 - Eco-Committee members to speak to the school caretakers.

- waste minimisation

- e-mail newsletters but hard copies still available
- use new recycling boxes

Energy

- presentation from "Energy 2000"
- check energy and water conservation figures

School Grounds

- potential for using school grounds more eg top field

Global citizenship

- use of 'Fair Trade' products

7 Green Flag application

The Committee then used the form on the Eco-Schools Wales website to gauge if the school is ready to apply for the Green Flag award. Majority of the "Key Criteria" boxes on the form were ticked, but we do need to address the following:

- involvement of adults in the Eco-Committee
- monitoring of Eco-Committee work undertaken as part of curriculum work.

Action:

Action plan to be discussed and agreed at the next Eco-Committee meeting.

Date of next meeting – Monday 14th March 2011