St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Feedback from Upper Key Stage 2 about Eco (June 2022)

General questions about Eco

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What is Eco Council about?

Helping the environment, cooking, cleaning up the environment and school and community.

Why is Eco Council important?

• It keeps our environment healthy and from dying and it is not just us it is the Womblers and who school that work together and help.

Tell me about your favourite project with Eco Council and tell me why you enjoyed learning about this

- We had pumpkins from Kenyon Hall Farm and we cut holes in them, hung them up like bird feeders and put seeds in them.
- I have enjoyed hearing about your Forest School leader course and I am really excited about helping you set this up next year.
- I can't wait to go in and see what we have to do and set up areas and find out about the wood we have and the flowers.

Are there any areas with Eco Council that you are still unsure about?

• Forest School – How is it going to work? Will it be a day off school where we get to learn in the woods and do crafts like chopping up wood?

How do you know if you are doing well with Eco Council?

- We are getting points for the Green Flag Award and we have just got the award.
- Teachers and Mr Grogan are prepared to get involved and help us with our action plan.
- Our friends are joining in with campaigns and projects like the Litter Less campaign when we went into the community.

What happens if you are finding feeding back to your class difficult with Eco council, who could you go to for support?

- You could help me, or we could decide with you to do it in an assembly so we can say it in one go rather than get scared in
- Sometimes my teacher says she is too busy to let us talk in class and we have to choose a better time or plan it better.

What do you need to do to improve feeding back to your class about Eco Council?

- Do it in different ways like assembly, the newsletter or the website.
- We should do more on the website.

In May, you led the 'Walk to School Campaign', what can you tell me about it?

- You were at Forest School so we had three quarters of the class walking to school every day.
- I asked everyone to try and walk, we had daily feedback meetings with the class to work out how we can improve getting to school.
- Our teacher let us meet during class worship time at the end of worship which was easier than when we try and do it in the afternoon.
- We made sure we understood how to use travel tracker and we asked if we can use the system for our teacher and she said yes so that meant she had 5 minutes to do her jobs.

If you were to lead this campaign again, what would you do differently?

- Do more posters, try and do it when you are not at Forest School so you can actually help us.
- Try and meet with Eco Council during the week, but that was because you were not here to feedback to.
- Not all classes were fair, some refused to share how they were getting on as they wanted to win the trophy.
- There should have been a certificate for every class as it is the taking part that counts.

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Can you explain what some of this Eco Council vocabulary means?

- Eco friendly No plastics, be nice to the environment, be green, follow the eco code. Correct
- Sustainable I don't know, is it a resource you can reuse over and over again or create something else. Correct
- Reuse, reduce or recycle When you use it again multiple times like the milk bottles. Reduce means you slow products down and don't use them as much. Recycle means reuse, use the bins outside. Correct
- Environment Our world, our school grounds, looking after it as a team. Correct
- Litter Rubbish and plastics, we do litter picking every day at lunch time and know to get the bags and pickers from the shed or your room. Correct

Can you think where Eco Council links to things that you have learned before in your class a different teacher?

- We went bird feeding, we saved a bird.
- We made bird feeders in DT that you asked us to help with. We did litter picking as a class we went to Astley park and we
 met the Womblers.
- Mrs Jeffries is really into our school and community environment and is always suggesting ways we can improve it.

Subject specific questions about Eco

How can we look after the school environment?

- Get everyone involved, get everyone buying plants and picking up rubbish. Get the staff out litter picking.
- Will the teachers go in the Forest because when we went for a walk to the back there was a lot of rubbish.

How can we reduce litter within school and the community?

- Get people using the bins, make more posters.
- Show people how to use the bins especially the new reception children or new teachers and teaching assistants.
- Tell Mr Grogan how he can help us.

How can we encourage people to walk to school or be active?

- More campaigns, tell them they can get badges every month and a trophy.
- Introduce walk of the month.

Are there any issues you would like to work on next year?

- Reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Forest School- don't get rid of the animal homes. I know loads about knots so I will be able to remind you if you forget and show people how to do it.
- Can we get everyone in the forest making a fire?
- Can we get Mr Grogan involved in clearing the site so we can use it? Maybe we could start making plans.

We have been awarded our Green Flag, where shall we put it for everyone to see?

- On top of the roof at the front of school so people see it when they arrive or outside the office or maybe in the Queens Jubilee Garden.
- Do we have a flag pole? I have never seen any flags before for Eco at our school.

Are you going to come to Eco Council next year?

• Yes, we love Eco Council

What would you like to be different about Eco Council?

 More people to come to the weekly after school meetings, make sure they know they have to sign up to come most Wednesdays.

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Action to take as a result of Pupil Feedback on Eco

- Ensure the children are more familiar with curriculum links within the classroom.
- Involve Eco Council in understanding the Forest School Ethos and vision, plan to feedback to them as well as staff so they understand how they will be involved.
- Keep working with staff to allow time for pupils to feedback.

Next Pupil Feedback review: Spring Term 2023