**Eco-team minutes: 02.10.18**

Today was our first meeting with the new eco-team. It was lovely to see so may eager students wanting to look after our school and our environment.

Here are the names of the new team:

Yew Class:

Chloe, Samue, India, Evie, Joshua

Willow Class:

Martha, Freddie

Rowan Class:

Ferran, Isabelle

Oak Class:

Charlie, Bethan

Maple Class:

Amelia, Artie

Maple Class were enjoying a sports festival this morning, so we will welcome their representatives to the next meeting.

What does the eco-team do?

For our first meeting, we thought about what being an eco-friendly school means and what we are concerned about. These areas are energy, waste, litter, school grounds, water, healthy living, global citizenship and transport.

We talked about what were the issues with these areas and how they applied to our school.

We also wrote down what we are already doing as a school to address these issues.

* recycling paper, card, plastic bottles.
* food waste collected at lunch times.
* collecting bottle tops for a charity to recycle them.
* litter bins around our site.
* push button taps in KS1 & 2 toilets.
* turning off lights and Interactive Boards when not in use.
* bike racks for people who cycle or scooter to school.
* wildlife areas in our school grounds.

We decided on our first project. Samuel reported a build-up of litter around the edge of the playground. At our next meeting we will collect this in a clear sack and show the school. An assembly and posters will encourage children to put litter in the bin or recycle it.

Future projects may include looking at lunchbox packaging and reducing this.

Being eco-warriors and checking on energy use in the school.

Encouraging walking, cycling, scooting or car-shares on our journeys to school.

We look forward to our next meeting when we will collect litter with litter pickers. Mrs Crudge is looking into ordering some additional litter pickers to help us.