

Health Promotion /Eco Meeting February 2nd 2010-02-10

Present –Maryanne, Christina, Stuart Glen, Linzi Howie, Rachael, Mackenzie, Kai, Jemma, Ross T, Ellie

Started meeting explaining about our visit from the Health Promotion Co-ordinator on the 21st of January who explained to us the situation with Tracey leaving and waiting for someone to take over her position, she explained to us where we were with our Gold folder and the next step for us to take. The next step is to fill in part 6 which is our 3 year audit plan which Christina and I will do in the next few weeks. We will then call the Health Promotion department to submit our folder and hopefully we will have our gold award for the end of March.

We recently attended two trips in our local community. These were to Watch us Grow and Step by Step nursery. These trips were very successful and we were able to share good practises with these establishments. The Children enjoyed planting their own Daffodil Plant at Watch us Grow and exploring Step by Steps Garden. It was beneficial for the children to see the other Nurseries greenhouse so they were able to understand the next steps for using the Greenhouse they had helped build here.

Christina explained that we were voted as North Lanarkshire Outdoor Champions and what this meant. As explained in the news letter it means that we are having 3 open days where other Nurseries can come and visit us and can discuss ideas for developing outdoor learning at their establishments. We are looking forward to these visits and welcome any ideas or suggestions the other Nurseries may have.

Ross explained about his Eco warrior and we asked parents if they had any ideas to further develop this. Stuart explained about making a sculpture of an eco warrior for the secret garden .Linzi explained that you can obtain a government grant to purchase materials or get someone in to work with the children on this. Linzi will look into this and let us know of the outcome. Another idea we had was if parents wouldn't mind discussing Eco issues at home and maybe making a design of an Eco warrior at home with the children. We will be sending a sheet home explaining more in the next few weeks.

Liz is also working on our Eco song with the children, once this is written a copy will be sent home so the children can share this with their parents.

Children are interested in making a Bug Chart to monitor who visits our Garden. Stuart is going to send us information on 12 insects/Animals that visit our garden and we are going to start the chart in late March. This is when we see more life in the garden .This will develop the children's numeracy skills and help them understand Bio Diversity a little more. We are working on Bio Diversity just now and the definition we have given to the children is

Bio Diversity is a word used to describe the different kinds of animals and plants all around us. It includes all living things from bugs to badgers, from Bluebells to bats and of course us!

Children have drawn living things in our Eco floor book. These pictures have been of our family, flowers, a Blue Whale and cats. We also put some of these pictures on our Eco wall. Please feel free to come and have a look.

We have attached some web links you may find of some interest

<http://www.ecoschoolsscotland.org/>

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biodiversity>

No other business

Thanked all for coming

No date has been set for next meeting but it will take place in April 2010