

School Council Meeting

Date: 19th March 2021

Time: 14:30

Location: School – Rainbow Room/Wave Room/Library

In attendance:

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| • Mrs Benham | • Harry |
| • Miss Boast | • Poppy |
| • Sam | • Alfie |
| • Tichy | • Isla |
| • Isabel | • Otto |

Apologies: N/A

Meeting with Martin Slocombe

Today, School Council met with Martin Slocombe – Director of Green Gates Solutions. Martin's company is 10 years old and helps the public sector become more energy efficient. By becoming more energy efficient, as a school we will lower our carbon footprint, become more sustainable and lower our energy bills. Mr Slocombe has worked with schools, hospitals and care homes.

What we will be looking at:

1. The school's energy provider – are we on the best deal?
2. The school's energy usage after school – this will provide us with our baseline data which we hope to reduce in the long run.
3. Equipment that are left on standby, rather than being switched off and how much energy these use.
4. What natural resources the school use?
5. What makes up the school's waste? What is being thrown out the most? Can this be reduced and reused somehow?
6. Would solar panels be a good investment?

Outcome:

Using the money that we are hoping to save, we would like to grow a vegetable garden.

Other business:

As well as discussing the possibility of visiting the school to carry out surveys (alongside School Council), Mr Slocombe also offered to deliver STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshops for the school. He explained that his company is part of the 361 Community who fund work like this with schools, therefore, the workshops would be free of charge. Expanding on this, Mr Slocombe explained that one of the STEM challenges involves the children thinking about becoming the first colony on a fictional island. They would need to consider where the best place would be to build houses and other ways of surviving.

Date of Next Meeting:

Sometime in the Summer Term (week commencing Monday 19th April). Exact dates and times to be confirmed.