



### Eco-committee

*'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much...'*

### Mansel Park Primary & Nursery School Eco Committee Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 22nd March 2023 **Venue:** 6HT : **Time:** 8:40am-9am

#### **Minutes:**

Tree planting update: On Wednesday 22nd March, we had a very exciting afternoon, to celebrate the 800th Mayor of Southampton and her becoming the first Lord Mayor of Southampton - Councillor Jacqui Rayment. Jo Cleary, an Environment sustainability Manager, talked to us about what trees are, what trees need to survive and the lifecycle of a tree. Then Hiba El-ghaddaf, a Graduate Project Manager brought her team along to help us plant a maple tree in our field. We hope this tree will become a long standing symbol of our schools commitment to our environment. Following this, we created our own pledges and added them to our tree for display. We created a blog for our school website.

Big Help Out & Great Gardening update: We are incredibly excited to share that we will be beginning our own community sustainable garden for our families. We have begun plans and ideas on how we may create a 'parent planter patch' along our walk way through our school grounds. We hope that once grown, families can take what they need in order to make some home cooked meals. We will begin by planting and labelling sprouting vegetables in preparation for our Great Gardening day on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Every family will be able to return to the Parent Planter Patch, in order to harvest their very own crops that we planted together as a school community on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Recycled bottle wall: Thank you to those of you who have donated bottles to recycle in order for us to create a planter wall. We continue to collect and plan with our site team.

#### **Actions:**

- Continue to collect recycled materials to create bird feeders and planned planter wall
- Share vision of the Big Help Out and Great Gardening day with all classes
- Discuss need of soil delivery and distribution with site team for current planters
- Plan soil delivery and bed space for Parent Planter Patch

**Next meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 **Venue:** 6HT : **Time:** 8:40am-9am