Grove School Green Council

Date of meeting: 24th September 2025

Members present: Theo O / Miss Jackson (Beech)

Zak (Cherry)

Alfie / Mrs Wood (Oak)

Frazer ( Willow )

Declan / Miss Scott (Elm)

Leo / Mrs Darling (Sycamore)

Agenda:

* Welcome to everyone and introduction of new school members.
* Invite any suggestions from members which will then be discussed.
* Any Other Business
* Set date for next meeting.

Minutes:

* Individual introductions of all members and a special welcome to Declan who is a new member of the Grove School.
* Alfie suggested we try to use less paper – we discussed that had been a focus for the council last year and agreed it would be good to try something different.
* Mrs Wood suggested to the group that we could focus on our community environment and promote awareness of this. Following a discussion it was agreed this would be our aim.
* All members agreed to each class doing a litter pick around our local community. Alfie thought this should be on a three weekly rota. After discussing this it was agreed to each class taking a turn once during every half term.
* It was explained we have six separate classrooms but together we are one school team and it would be positive for people in our community to see the Grove School positively enhancing the local environment.
* Alfie offered to research where and at what cost we could buy more litter pickers.
* Theo offered to research where and at what costs we could buy plastic frames with a handle to secure and hold bin liners. This would make litter picking more accessible for every student.
* Declan asksed if we could use blue coloured bin liners. Mrs Wood said she would look into that suggestion.
* We than talked about out school environment. Following group suggestions, Frazer and Leo agreed that having tubs of wild flowers would be nice in the corner area of the top yard. This would encourage wildlife and offer a sensory experience. Mrs Darling made the point that the pots may be a risk of being thrown. Following further discussion, Mrs Darling offered to donate gravel from her home to put in the base of each pot to help weigh them down. Mrs Wood offered to donate large pots from her home to plant wild flower seeds in. Zak offered that Cherry class would research where wild flower seeds could be bought from. Alfie then suggested we planted trees. This was decided against as they take a long time to grow and are a permanent feature.
* The date for the next meeting was then discussed but not agreed to. We did agree a meeting would be held at the end of October to discuss any progress of research. The date for this will be confirmed shortly.

Thankyou to all member of the Green School Council for helpful suggestions and thankyou to our amazing school community for supporting us to take these ideas forward.

Mrs Wood