Eco Meeting Agenda 14/11/19

Single Issue – How to have a more sustainable Christmas

1. Please add your name to the register so that the office can mark you in!
2. Welcome to CCTV reps – What we are trying to achieve.

Arthur – ouitline of more sustainable Christmas

1. How will we get the information across?

CCTV segment should reach the largest number of pupils. As well as registration SES has said that she is happy for it to be played at lunchtime in the canteen

1. What issues should we tackle (thinking about our main issues of the year and what pupils as opposed to parents may have some influence over)

Wrapping paper, crackers, cards, trees and food are probably the biggest sources of non-essential waste that pupils may have some influence over.

* Wrapping paper – plain or decorated brown paper (highlight recycling issues), other sources of recycled wrapping paper to be highlighted. Workshops in art where pupils could make their own stamp from a non-recyclable pizza base and use it to make their own wrapping paper. SDS to look into this. Would Art/ Technology etc get any use out of certain wrapping paper? KID to email HODs to check.
* Crackers – are they needed, could we discourage them all together? Segment on CCTV video about how to make your own crackers which do not have small plastic objects in them.
* Cards – Encourage the use of e-cards rather than actual cards to cut down on waste. Promote Madame Thomas’ post-Christmas card recycling collection. Encourage pupils to reuse e.g. section of pretty cards as gift tags for the following year.
* Better to keep an already existing plastic Christmas tree (and decorations) than to get rid of it in favour of a different one. Promote potted Christmas trees which can be brought in year after year as being the eco-friendliest option with supporting local “freshly cut” business’ as the next best option. (Look into compiling a list of suppliers)
* Encourage pupils to look at the packaging that food come in if shopping with parents and try to limit products with excess/ unnecessary packaging. Get pupils to consider quantities if shopping in an effort to limit food waste. Subject of palm oil was discussed again and making people aware of the need for sustainable palm oil. Warning of the use of the “catch all” phrase “vegetable oil” which can currently include palm oil. Arthur provided a website which lists brands that don’t contain palm oil

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/palm-oil/palm-oil-free-list>

All of the above along with some recycling info (checked with the vale ) will go out on parent mail to help people make informed choices.

1. Is it worth doing a post-Christmas follow up? Can people reflect on the waste created? Would filming/ take pictures of waste in our own houses to highlight the issue be an idea?

* Plan to do a follow up CCTV segment/ tutor group power point looking at the waste generated by different families (e.g. video clips/ photos etc)
* Promote Mdm Thomas’ Christmas card recycling scheme
* Look into alternative advent calendars for next year as a bit late for this year.

1. AOB

Waste management BJN proposed looking at a way to quantify the waste produced as a school to be able to compare and measure change. Needs more discussion to work out a viable system by SES said she will trial something in the canteen.

1. Make sure you have written your name down!!!!