

Attendees:

Weeth	Rosemellin
Pennoweth	Roskear
Treloweth	Portreath
Lanner	Illogan
Mrs Collins	Mrs Andrews

Absent: Pencoys

Discussion:

- Hello everyone!
- We have 3 different subjects to discuss today.

Energy use update

- Thank you so much to everyone for all you are doing to encourage everyone in your school to use less electricity. Every time you turn off lights that aren't needed, you are helping us to save electricity and reducing our impact on the environment. You are also saving our Trust money 😊
- Mrs Collins gave feedback on when the Clearvue consultants were in our schools doing surveys for us. There were definitely advantages to having the experts in our schools! Mrs Collins gave us two examples:
 - At **Weeth** there is an outside building. When Clearvue had a look, it seemed that the air conditioning and heat settings had got muddled somehow. This has now been sorted. Before the adjustments, the electricity bill was £113 per week and 41kg of carbon dioxide was being released. Now, the bill is £61 per week and 18kg of carbon dioxide is being released. That is a saving of £2700 per year and the carbon dioxide saved is the equivalent of what would be produced if someone was playing their playstation for 42,000 hours per year!!
 - At **Rosemellin** the Clearvue monitors were showing that there was a spike in electricity use in the kitchen at weekends! Given that the school kitchen isn't open at the weekends, they started to do some investigations and found that timers on some of the equipment were faulty. Mr Thomas has fixed the problem (Thank you!) This has led to the electricity bill going from £248 per week to £215 per week which will lead to a £1716 saving per year!
- Everyone agreed to keep looking at ways to reduce electricity use. Pennoweth shared a poster they have made to encourage everyone to think about where they are using electricity and how use can be reduced.
- Mrs Collins has managed to find a local company that can print stickers for us that will fit around light switches. We can design what goes on the sticker to help remind people to turn off the lights when they leave the room.

Actions:

- Keep up the great work on reminding everyone to reduce electricity use.
- Talk to your school council / eco council about what designs / what words we could have on the light switch stickers. Please feed back ideas next meeting!
- If you have any other ideas on how we can reduce electricity use, please ask one of your adults to let Mrs Collins know.

Wildflower areas

- We discussed the fact that it would be great to have wildflower areas in all of our schools so we can create a new habitat and attract different insects

Action:

- All councillors to talk with their school / eco councils about whether they would like a wildflower area and, if so, where might be a good place to have it. Think about areas that wouldn't interrupt your place spaces! Slopes that you don't play on (if you have one!) would be a good location.
- Please bring back your thoughts / ideas to the next meeting and we can discuss what we think.

Trust Council Climate Summit

- On the 6th July, we will be holding our first (hopefully annual!) Crofty Trust Council Climate Summit! Mrs Collins has been organising lots of different speakers for us so we can find out different ways that we can help to protect our environment and reduce global warming.
- At the end of the meeting we will be making pledges (or, as we discussed 'promises') that we can make as a Trust Council to try and keep in our next school year. The work we have done this year on reducing electricity use has shown us how powerful our Trust and school councillors are when we are all working together 😊
- We will be making a pledge for each of the UN climate 'hero' areas (please see attached poster for more info)

Actions

- Have a discussion with your School / Eco councils about some ideas of pledges that we might be able to make as a Trust Council for the next school year (one pledge for each of the hero characters). Please bring your ideas to our next meeting. We will then start to collect ideas that we can use to help our discussions at our Climate Summit!

- **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th May. Mrs Andrews to invite councillors from all 16 of our Crofty schools

Thank you to everyone that joined us today!