

Attendees:

Weeth

Rosemellin

Pennoweth

Roskear

Treloweth

Portreath

Mrs Collins

Mrs Andrews

Absent: Lanner, Illogan, Pencoyls

Discussion:

- Welcome everybody!
- Review of our last meeting where we all agreed to try and reduce the electricity we are using in school. Mrs Collins had sent around an information pack to each school about the energy that we are using that could be shared with school councils or the whole school!
- Mrs Collins shared that she had started to look at some of our data from the Clearvue system to try and get an idea of the impact of our energy saving ideas. She had looked at Pennoweth and Rosemellin as she knew that these schools had worked on trying to make sure lights were being turned off in rooms that weren't in use.
- Mrs Collins took information from Clearvue on electricity use (for 1 week) before we had our Trust Council meeting. She compared this to data from the system a few weeks after our meeting (when there had been a focus on turning lights off). This is what she found for the two schools:

Pennoweth:

For the first week (before the council were involved), electricity costs were £776.69

For the second week (after the council started work) electricity costs were £731

That is a saving of £45 per week!

Over a whole year, that could save us £1700 just in one school.

This reduction in energy use also means that we saved a lot of carbon dioxide emissions; the same as would be made in 72 train trips from Paris to Amsterdam! The same amount of CO2 emissions would take 50 trees per year to absorb.

Rosemellin:

Mrs Collins found that the 'lights off' campaign at Rosemellin had resulted in a £29.57 saving over a week. That could save £1150 per year!

Mrs Collins also shared that next week, energy experts would be visiting all schools and it might be possible for some of the Trust councillors to ask them a few questions! The dates of the visits are below. Mr Thomas from the Crofty Estates team will be with the energy experts.

Tuesday 7th Feb – Treloweth 9.30am, then Illogan, then Portreath

Wednesday 8th Feb – Weeth 9.30am, then Rosemellin, then Roskear

Thursday 9th Feb – Pencoys at 9.30am, then Lanner, then Pennoweth

Weeth councillors shared that year 3 had been working hard to turn lights off and make sure that overhead projectors were turned off when they left a room. They had also been thinking about making sure that power sockets were turned off in a room unless they absolutely needed to be left on.

Portreath councillors shared their mini posters that they had made to put near the light switches encouraging everybody to turn off lights that weren't in use.

Roskear councillors said that they were introducing a plan to ensure that the last person in the line to leave the room had to check that the lights were off. They also talked about introducing 'eco points' for people and classes who were most successful in ensuring energy savings 😊

Mrs Andrews finished the meeting by thanking everybody for attending and for their fantastic work on reducing energy. We agreed to keep working hard to reduce our electricity use. We also briefly discussed that we will be thinking about wildflower areas in our next few meetings (to be planted somewhere on our school fields) and about making sure our beaches are clean as the weather gets better! Mrs Collins is hoping that our new Crofty schools will have Clearvue installed soon so that they can also work on monitoring energy saving. We will make sure that the new schools are invited to our next meeting.

Actions

- Mrs Collins to look at finding us some stickers to use around school to encourage everyone to turn off lights when they leave the room
- Think about whether you have any questions for our Energy experts that are visiting schools next week
- Keep working hard to think about reducing electricity use through the schools!
- Let Mrs Collins know if you want to introduce a challenge across the school (across your different energy 'zones' to see who is reducing electricity use the most!)

Next Meeting

- **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st March**

Thank you to everyone that joined us today!