

**Attendees:**

Parc Eglos, Illogan, Halwin, Godolphin, Rosemellin, Pencoy, Portreath, Garras, Trannack, Porthleven, Treloweth, Roskear, Pennoweth, Sithney, Weeth

Mrs Collins, Mrs Andrews

**Welcome to the Trust Council:**

- Hello everyone!
- It is lovely to see everyone today – thank you for joining us! Thank you very much to the adults who have helped to get everyone on the meeting today.

**A reminder of what we achieved last year:**

- We worked hard on reducing electricity use and Mrs Collins gave us some amazing information and feedback on how well we were doing (and also facts about how many trees we saved, how many travel miles have been saved)
- We focused on ensuring that there is more recycling bins in our school
- We had our first Trust Council summit together and made pledges for the year ahead

**Update from Mrs Collins:**

- Mrs Collins showed everyone the Crofty Warriors stickers and explained that we will get some into each school. Councillors can use the stickers around school (sensibly!)
- We also have recycling stickers (Recycle Ranger) for everyone to add to recycling bins

**Actions**

If anyone has any designs for turn off light switches stickers that they would like to share, please send them to Mrs Collins and we can look into making stickers for everyone 😊

**Aims for this year:**

- We looked at our pledges that we had made together at the Trust Summit. Some schools have displayed the pledges on one of their noticeboards 😊
- We talked about remembering to continue the amazing work that everyone has done to use less electricity wherever possible (turning off lights and interactive boards when not in use)

**Actions**

Mrs Andrews to send out the pledges sheet again to all schools.

All schools to talk to their school / Eco councils and decide which children can be which of the Crofty Warriors. The Water Wizards will have an important job this half term!

**This Term's Challenge – The Water Wizards**

*Our pledge: We pledge to use refillable water bottles in school*

- Lots of us are already doing this but we thought it would be useful to check that everyone is. We thought that we could also ask everyone if they use re-usable water bottles outside of school and try to avoid one use plastic bottles when we are out and about.
- We thought the best place to start was to do a survey in our schools. This can be done in the playground or through an electronic survey form. Questions we can ask:
  - Do you have a reusable water bottle in school? (Yes/No)
  - Do you have a reusable water bottle that you use when you are not in school? (Yes/No)
  - Do you know what single use plastics are? (Yes/No)
  - Do you have drinks from single use plastics when you are out? (Never / Sometimes / Often)

### Actions

All schools to carry out a survey with the questions above. Please have your results ready for our next council meeting.

Please talk to your School / Eco council about ways in which we could encourage everyone to avoid using single use plastics

**Truth Talkers:** please decide on who your truth talkers will be! Truth talkers to write a piece of news for the school newsletter about what the Trust Council does and also that we are focusing on reducing the use of single use plastics. If you want to use the following words to describe the Trust Council, please do so! Please think yourselves about how you will let everyone know, on the school newsletter, about why it is important to reduce the use of single use plastics.

**The Trust Pupil Council is made up of 2 representatives from each of Crofty's 16 schools. We meet at least once per half term to talk about ways in which we can work together, across all our schools, to make a positive difference to the environment. Our Trust councillors give information and messages back to their own School or Eco councils and then report back to the Trust Council about what has been happening in their school.**

**In July 2023, we had our first Trust Council summit. We all met together at Pennoweth School and heard from lots of different speakers about ways in which we could help the environment. We also agreed on 8 pledges that we would make to help us care for the environment over the next year.**

Please get adults to send Mrs Andrews a copy of your piece for the newsletter if you can!

### **Feedback and ideas from councillors:**

**Roskear** shared that they would like a water butt for near their polytunnel so that they can use rainwater for their plants rather than getting water from the tap. They shared with us that you can contact SouthWest Water and they will deliver a waterbutt for free! [Mrs Collins to get in touch with SW Water](#)

**Rosemellin** are going to bring their Eco-bins back into classrooms. The bins are a place to collect single use plastics. The school then thinks of ways to re-use these plastics. The children thought that they could use the bottles they collect to help with gardening club.

**Portreath** shared that in their whole school assembly on a Friday they are able to share news and information with everyone. They already fed back information about the Trust Council trip to King Edward's mine and will be sharing the news from today's meeting too!

**Sithney** said that they thought we could re-use single use bottles by cutting them in half and growing plants in them

**Weeth** shared that they are trialling re-usable glue sticks so that used glue sticks are not going to landfill. They fed back that the yellow glue is a bit too sticky but the red glue is great! [Mrs Collins is going to look at whether we can roll this out to other schools](#)

**Trannack** have Eco-monitors in some classrooms. These children stay until last in the classroom so that they can make sure lights are turned off etc. We thought these children could be Energy Experts!

*Our next meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring along your survey results if you can and any great ideas you can share!*

**Thank you to everyone that joined us today!**