

## **East Linton Melting Pot minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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### **East Linton Primary School : Gill Gardner**

The school is very keen to be a part of the Melting Pot, not just involved.

#### Actions currently planned by the school:

- Opting out of the plastic bottles on a Friday (suggested by a P1)
- P4 will be going to the Dunbar recycling centre

#### Ideas from the school

- The children are very keen to be able to grow things
  - Interested in Eco Bricks
  - Handprints / footprints with messages around sustainability/climate change created by the children and placed around East Linton (P1s, P4s and P6s). Teachers also very interested in this idea. This was further explored within the meeting:
    - o Using salt dough / Using stones – painting on them and creating a trail (hidden?) for people to find. Use paint from old tins/tester posts, varnish using Oodge Podge? Where to place them?
    - o Photograph children with their hand/footprints and messages and project onto buildings or within events?
    - o Messages written on pavements with chalk?
    - o Using the tree in the square to hang messages?
- Gill will discuss this further with the teachers.
- Having days where school lunches are all locally sourced food

#### How we could support the school

- The school's playpod uses old junk. If we have any junk eg keyboards that no longer work, items with bits missing, please feed them to the school playpod via Bea, Gill or the janitor.

#### How the school is offering to support us

- Hosting future toy / book swaps or other events organised by us (preferably on a Friday afternoon)

- Helping to connect us with useful contacts
- Helping us do the Community Consultation (more below)
- Promote things for us

#### Other ideas raised during the meeting

- Pen recycling at the school via Terracycle (although the scheme is currently full)
- Plastic free lunch box workshop (currently run at Dunbar Primary with the children) – interested in learning more about this

#### **Community consultation**

The suggestion of a community consultation was explored, with the purpose to engage as much of East Linton as possible and get suggestions of any other ideas that could be done locally (which will build a sense of ownership and buy in). Possibly bring it all together with a public event – ideas posted up on the walls, group discussions, speakers.

#### What medium to use

- Suggestions to use a mix of communication mediums to appeal to all – a questionnaire which can be answered directly on paper, survey monkey, and photographs of people with their suggestions posted to the facebook page/sent in.

#### How to reach people

- Send out questionnaires on a slip of paper included within the ELDA (with link to survey monkey), see if can also put questionnaires in places such as the Doctors surgery, library, church, the Mart. School could put on their blog, can have a suggestion box on the door of the parent consultation night (3/4 April).

#### Next steps

- Think through exactly what we want to get out of the consultation and which questions we should ask. Jo to have a meeting with Katie, Roisin, Sue and anyone else interested as a sounding board.

#### **Collaboratively written resources**

It was suggested that written resources could be created. These could be posted on websites, facebook page, and promoted through the school blog, and possibly by the church and any groups/societies interested and any other means.

#### 'Did you know?' resource

A list of existing schemes, resources, organisations, developments which people can make use of and to keep people up to date

#### Other written resources

- Recycling / upcycling ideas
- Meat free recipes
- Local food supplier list

### **Communication**

It was agreed that Facebook only works for some members of the group. It was agreed to look into developing our own website where blogs and resourced could be posted and events promoted. Gill Gardner suggested her husband could help us with this.

### **Other event ideas suggested**

- The Community Council will be hosting a Community Fair in August and it was agreed that the Melting Pot would have a stall there, alongside the other groups and societies.
- Bees wax wrapping workshop by Wee Red Upcycles
- Seedling swap

### **Action to take**

- Gill Gardner to further explore with teachers the idea of children creating messages on sustainability
- Jo to explore with Mart on possibility of children from school growing food
- Jo to arrange meeting on Community Consultation for those interested in being a sounding board
- Jo to explore if anyone wants to get involved in creating written resources e.g 'Did you Know' page, 'local food suppliers'
- Gill Gardner to ask her husband if he could support in website development and to get in touch with Jo
- Allison Cosgrove to arrange a date for the Community Fair and the Melting Pot to have a stall

### **Next meeting**

To be agreed