**Green Schools Meeting**

**25/ 01/2012**

A meeting of St. Colman’s B.N.S. Green Schol’s Committee was held in the Staffroom on 25th January 2012. All members were in attendance along with Jacqueline Bowen and Mrs. Linehan who chaired the meeting.

Firstly Darragh read out the minutes. These were proposed by Joey Donovan and seconded by Eoin Guiney. Further developments since the last meeting were discussed.

The Christmas raffle raised a total sum of €409.

Darragh read the main points of the Green Schools report .

The following was discussed and agreed:

* Every decision made by the committee will be by vote.
* Eoin Guiney and Joey Donovan were elected current joint secretaries.
* Paul Leahy was elected treasurer.
* Darragh O Keeffe was voted in as Communications Manager. His job is to keep all staff members fully informed of committee decisions.
* Committee meetings are to be held every three weeks if possible.
* During weeks when there is no meeting, a ten minute briefing will be held in Mrs. O Connor’s room on Wednesday mornings.
* Committee members are to have an “ideas table” in the hall on Wednesday mornings . All ideas and suggestions for the committee from any school pupil will be recorded there and discussed at the next meeting. Daniel Duggan is to make out the rota of officers.
* Due to whole school co-operation and the greatly reduced litter, the litter patrol is to be changed from daily to twice a week- Tuesday (1st & 2nd with Jacqueline Bowen ) and Friday ( 3rd Class).
* Litter wardens in all classrooms need to be reminded to keep a regular check.
* Each class is to use both sides of paper before throwing it away. Class teachers are to be reminded to have a box for the reusable paper in their classrooms.
* The poster competition with the Green Schools theme is to go ahead. Closing date for completed entries is the first week in March. Rules for the competition are -use A3 paper, must include Green Schools logo, a slogan and be colourful.

The committee will make the initial selection and then Deirdre O Keeffe and Jacqueline Bowen will select the final winning entries. The prizes are to be homework passes to each class winner. Winning posters are to be displayed at a fundraising cake sale which will be held before St. Patrick’s Day or on the day of the Easter holidays. Final date to be decided on at the next meeting.

* Each class is to complete an art project using recycled materials before the end of the school year.
* The clothes recycling collection is to go ahead . Collection date is February 22nd. Parents were informed in the January newsletter.
* Jack Murphy volunteered to check out websites about mobile phone collections.
* It was agreed that further lessons on recycling should be taught so all pupils could continue the good work at home.
* 5th and 6th class are to make a graph showing how our waste has reduced since September.

The committee agreed that each class is doing very well in recycling. The meeting was then closed. The committee will meet again in three weeks time.

By Eoin Guiney and Joey Donovan

Joint secretaries of Green Schools Committee