



**Willow Wood Community Primary School
School Council
Friday 25th April 2014
1:10pm Before and After School Club, Infants**

1. Welcome and Attendance

Year 1: BE, KC

Year 2: KN, KP

Year 3/4: LM, JS, TS

Year 5: TT, RH

Year 6: BR, AH, SN, BW

Members of staff: ST, EL, MY

Visitor: SG, Community Artist

2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Feedback)

The School Council reported an improvement on smoothie litter which is great news! Well done to the school council for continuing to remind pupils to bin their litter! Great work!

All the School Council really loved the visit to the Mayor's office. Did you see the newspaper article? We feel very privileged in having taken part in this fantastic opportunity and it's one we will never forget! Keep your eyes peeled for the group photograph that will be on the corridor display soon!

3. Plans for School Community Garden Project with Sue Guildford

We had a very special guest at the School Council meeting this week! SG is a Community Artist that will be working with us to create a new garden space for the school. She specialises in creating new things using recycled objects and junk that most people would just throw away! SG is very excited about this project as it is the biggest one she has ever done with a school!



The School Council had lots of ideas and lots of skills to offer SG including digging, building, planting and gardening! SG showed us a drawing of all her ideas!

Bug Hotel

We will be building a bug hotel to attract lots of creepy crawlies to our garden! It will be made of wooden pallets and

tree stumps and will sit under the willow tree. You could do some research now to find out what kinds of materials we might need to create a bug hotel.

Shelter

With the help of local DIY enthusiasts in Hartford called 'Men in Sheds', we are going to create a shelter to sit in. The shelter will have a bench too. KN had a great idea about having a coat rail or some hangers so people could hang their coats up when they are sitting in the shelter. Great idea KN! The shelter will also have some paving stones around it.



Sitting Area

To create a sitting area, we will need to dig out a circle of ground and recover it with gravel. We will then create benches using old tyres and planks of wood. SG is learning a new skill too to create some concrete mushrooms to decorate the sitting area.

Mosaic Steps

Using old broken pieces of tiles, we are going to create mosaic paving stones to make a path leading around the garden. We can create our own pictures and designs using this clever and unique method of recycled art! The fence will also be decorated with some willow weaving art and wire creatures such as dragonflies and butterflies.



As you can see, we have a mammoth task ahead of us! We need to make sure we spread the word to everyone... parents, carers, family, friends... What skills or materials could you offer? The work is going to start on the 9th June for two weeks. There will be a letter going out to inform parents and carers about this fantastic project. Make sure you spread the word too!

Next meeting: Friday 9th May 2014 at 1:10pm in the Before and After School Club

Next Actions:

- Spread the word about the Community Garden Project!
- Start to think about the Home Learning and what learning at home means to you...