

P-05-713 The Wildlife Warriors – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the clerking team, 14.11.16

Hello Kayleigh.

I have spoken to the Junior children who submitted the petition.

They were very pleased the petition had been discussed and were grateful to receive feedback on the issue. All the participants within the group (9 children) were aware of the eco schools initiative, some have been involved within this group in their schools. The children felt it is important to highlight they see the importance of the eco committees.

However the children view the wildlife warriors project as a more inclusive project. Children stated the positions within eco-committees are elected, which they feel excludes many children from participating in valuable education regarding wildlife and environmental issues. Pupils reported the positions on eco committee were occasionally chosen, not elected which meant many children whom are interested did not have the opportunity to be involved in protecting wildlife and engaging in environmental projects within the school. The children reported that Year 1, reception and nursery pupils were excluded from elections for the eco committees. The children whom submitted this petition request the remit within the eco schools initiative is expanded to include areas highlighted by wildlife warriors.

This would ensure the eco committees: are more inclusive, enabling children from a younger age to participate; democratically elected; facilitate larger events for the school to be able to participate in environmental projects.

The children felt it was important to state they were not aware of any projects to become involved in such issues within the community

Regards.

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