Green Team Meeting Notes

Date: 30 September 2026
Meeting: First Green Team Meeting of the Year

Welcome
We welcomed our new pupil members of the Green Team:
Isla, Alfie, Olly W, Harris, Henry and Pippa

We were delighted to be joined by **Hugh von Bergen**, our Green Team Governor, as well as **Debbie, Sandra and Trevor** from the **Keinton Environmental Group**.

What is the Green Team?

The Green Team looks at how we can improve our impact on the world through the choices we make in school. This includes thinking about:

- the waste we produce;
- what we use, reduce, reuse and recycle;
- how we can be more environmentally responsible; and
- how we can make sure our school grounds support the wildlife and nature around us.

Keinton Environmental Group

We were introduced to members of the Keinton Environmental Group. They explained that the group meets regularly to discuss the environment of the village and ways they can help to improve and look after the area around Keinton Mandeville.
We are looking forward to working together and learning from their knowledge and experience.

Our ideas for the year

The main aim of our first meeting was to agree our priorities for the year. We came up with lots of exciting ideas:

- 🌿 **Create a wildlife area** within the school grounds.
- 🦔 **Introduce hedgehog dens and bee boxes** to encourage and protect wildlife.
- 🪱 **Introduce a wormery** which could help us compost some of our school food waste.
- 🦇 **Investigate the bats in the dovecote** and find out more about them.
- 📷 **Raise money or seek funding for nature night cameras** so we can discover which animals visit our school grounds when the lights go out. Ideally, we would like more than one camera so we can investigate different areas.
- 🌳 **Map the trees around our school** so that we know which species we have. Our school tree inspector has kindly offered to come in and speak to the Green Team to help us with this.
- 🎄 **Hold a Green Team Christmas event** to raise awareness of waste at Christmas, including wrapping paper, food waste and plastic toys.
- 🥕 **Investigate our allotment area**, find out exactly where it is and make a plan for how we could make better use of it.

Our Top Three Priorities

After discussing all our ideas, the Green Team agreed that our first three priorities will be:

1. 🌿 **Creating a wildlife area**
2. 🎄 **Organising a Green Team Christmas event**
3. 🦔🐝 **Introducing hedgehog dens and bee boxes**

We would still love to achieve our other ideas during the year, but these three projects will be our starting point.

Looking Ahead

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed so many fantastic ideas to our first meeting.

We have an exciting year ahead and are looking forward to working together to make our school an even greener, more wildlife-friendly and environmentally responsible place. 🌱💚