

## Waste – Children hold a Book and Toy Swap

### **Action:**

Children hold a second hand book and toy swap.

### **Impact and Evaluation:**

During an Eco School meeting children and staff discussed waste as part of the environmental review and in developing the action plan. The eco council discussed waste both in and out of school.

When thinking about how to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, one member of the Eco-Committee suggested that children could give their unwanted toys, games and books to charity shops instead of throwing them in the bin. Another child then suggested that instead of giving them to charity they could give them to a friend instead.

This led to developing the idea of holding a book and toy swap event in school. All children were asked to donate any unwanted toys, books and games that they no longer played with. The Eco-Committee then planned to collect all the donations and hold a Book and Toy Swap. This involved



setting up the main hall to look like a market stall. Each stall would have a theme, i.e. books, board games, toys, action figures; etc. The Eco-Committee was responsible for the running of each stall.

During the event each child in school was invited to attend the main hall to choose a book and a toy/game to take away with them free of charge. All children were allowed to take something away even if they had not donated anything.

The aim of the event was to promote the idea that something that a child no longer plays with can be given to another child instead of being thrown away. We were promoting the concepts of reducing, recycling and reusing as part of our promise to reduce waste.

The event was very successful and lots of children asked if the event would be running again.

As we had surplus books and toys donated, even after all children had chosen something to take away, we were able to make a donation to a local charity. The Eco-Committee voted and agreed to send the surplus books and toys to children less fortunate than themselves in Syria.

We are planning another Book and Toy Swap during the 2020 – 2021 Academic year. We are going to attempt to weigh all of the items we collect so that we can identify how much waste we have prevented going to landfill.