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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Wednesday 9th February

Dear Parents/Carers

Eco-warriors fundraiser: Minute to Mile

Our eco-warriors have had regular meetings this half term where they have come together to discuss ecological issues that they want to address within school. One of the things they have asked for is planting space for each class to grow their own vegetables.

They plan to hold a fundraising event to raise money for wood to build the beds as well as soil, seeds and bulbs. Next week, during one PE lesson, every class will participate in a circuits style session in the hall (Year 5 will accrue their miles through minutes in their swimming session). The hall circuit will be designed and set up by the Eco-warriors team. The aim is for us, as a school family, to travel from St. Patrick's to our capital city of London and back. A total distance of 560 miles. Phew!

There will be a visible timer. For every minute the class participate, they will gain 1 mile. A map of England, made by Year 1 and Year 2, will also be visible in the hall and at the end of each session the class teacher will move a marker to show how far their class have travelled. We truly believe, in true St. Patrick's style, that we can make the journey together!

Your child will bring home a sponsorship form designed by the Eco-warriors team to write the names of their sponsors. Please try to raise £5 (or more if you would like), which we would then ask you to pay through ParentPay rather than bringing any money into school. ParentPay will allow a payment of up to £50 but there is no pressure at all to raise that amount.

Thank you for your support. We hope your child has fun in the session and, as a budding David Attenborough of the future, planting in our new raised beds!

On a sadder note, you may have heard the tale of the demise of our Forest School Shed. Which

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had been kindly purchased with funds raised by The Friends of St. Patrick's (FOSP). Unfortunately, it was no match for the ferocious wind speeds we experienced during storm Malik. We are hoping to reach an agreement with our insurers to resolve the situation.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Gardner, Mrs J Evans and the Eco-warriors team

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