

make a link with a school in another country!

With the permission of your headteacher, Keep your parents and carers up to date with what the club is doing through a short paragraph in the school newsletter to Parents.

Keep the Go-Givers Team informed

Ask your responsible adult to email copies of any newsletters, reports and photographs that show what your club is doing. We would love to hear your news.

THANK-YOU!



Go-Givers Club

Making a difference to our communities



Go-Givers aims to develop caring and concerned citizens with the skills and confidence to make a positive difference to their communities – both local and global.

www.gogivers.org

- Make up a play about keeping safe in the community.

Involve others

Try to make sure that you and your members make a Go-Givers Club presentation in at least one school assembly per term. This will help keep the staff and children informed about any fundraising you are doing, and any special projects.

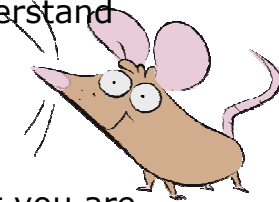
See if you can organise an 'Open Day' for non-members and parents. For example, they could join in a debate about improving the neighbourhood.

Invite your local councillor, MP, school nurse, police officer to come and debate with you, and ask parents to demonstrate any special skills that you can learn from. It may be possible to involve older people in your community through organisations such as Age UK.

Think about making links with your local high schools, and neighbouring primaries. You might even



Next, create a slogan to help other children understand what the club is all about, for example: 'We are learning more about our world. You can't change it until you understand it.'



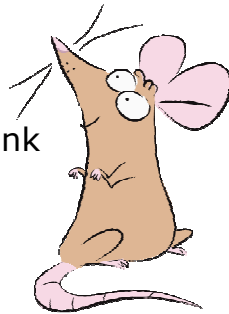
Action Planning

This is the important bit – deciding what you are going to do.

Your chairperson/president will need to listen to everyone's ideas, and decide whether they are possible to carry out. If there are lots of suggestions, you will need to discuss as a group which are the most important ideas, and possibly take a vote on what you will do, and in which order. Some ideas might be more suitable for the summer months for instance.

There are lots of ideas in the Go-Givers teachers' booklet, but here are a few to think about in case you are stuck:

- Start a re-cycling project
- Plant a vegetable garden
- Invite a chef from a local restaurant to teach you recipes from other countries
- Take photos and create an album called 'Our neighbourhood'
- Invite your local police officer to discuss ways of improving road safety in your area
- Raise money for a local charity



Getting Started

Convince Others

Think clearly about why you want to run your club. Is it because:

- You want to find out more about what goes on in your community
- You want to encourage others to reduce, reuse and recycle
- You want to start a campaign about Global Warming
- You want to improve your environment
- You enjoy debating about important issues
- You want to make your world a fairer place
- You want to find out more about other cultures
- You want to raise money to help others
- You want to make your school a safer or friendlier place
- You want to make a difference to your neighbourhood?

(There could be many more reasons).

Talk to you closest friends about your reasons for starting a Go-Givers club.



It might be a good idea to get them to sign a paper to say they're interested!

Now you will be able to tell your headteacher why it is important to have a Go-Givers Club in your school. If you do your job well s/he will start the ball rolling by finding an adult to take responsibility for your club!

Make sure that your headteacher and the responsible adult both know that they can download a booklet about Go-Givers Clubs from the *Nifty Gear* Section of the Go-Givers website (www.gogivers.org).

Recruitment

Think about the age range of children you would like to have in your club. Would it be suitable for KS1 and KS2? What about the Reception Class?

Are there any parents, or people you know in the community who would be prepared to lend a hand?

Discuss with the adult in charge about how you will advertise the club. Will you tell others about it by:

- Raising the subject in an assembly
- Making posters



- Talking to individual classes
- Putting it in a Newsletter to parents?

Your First Meeting

As Go-Givers clubs are supposed to be mostly led by the members (the children), the responsible adult will talk to you about choosing people to play the main roles in the club. You might start by electing a chairperson or president, and possibly a secretary. If you are going to start a fundraising project you will need a treasurer as well. You could use the Go-Givers *Ballot Box* to vote electronically.

At the first meeting you might need to agree one or two important rules. For example: how often the club meets and how long it lasts, if guests can come to meetings and when new members can join.

You will need to decide which Go-Givers character will represent you. Will you become, for example, *The Go-Givers Teefa Club*, or the *Go-Givers Mitali club*?

Once you have decided, ask the responsible adult to inform the Go-Givers team. They will send you character badges and cards for each member.

