

# ECO NEWSLETTER

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## GARDENS

Further to our last Newsletter we would like to say a big thank you to those parents that have offered help with our gardens. With help we should achieve our goals this year.

The children get very excited at the thought of the judges coming to view our school and have high expectations of the results. As those of you with gardens know, it takes a lot of work to keep the gardens looking nice and even more work to constantly try to improve what we have (which is an expectation of the judges). You may have noticed that a lot of gardening has been done since the weather has improved. This will continue and we will also be selling excess plants and growing herbs. If you are interested in buying any herbs (parsley, coriander and basil) please contact the school office. We will have a plant stall at the school fair and hope to have the children that have enjoyed the planting to help us sell them. We will contact the parents about this after the holidays.

## The Big Bumblebee Discovery

We had a short ECO meeting with the children about next term's activities. We will be taking part in "The Big Bumblebee Discovery - The First Great EDF Energy Experiment". We were lucky enough to receive a lavender plant for our experiments and our findings will then be posted for research. There is also an opportunity for the experiment to be run at home so we will send out all relevant information when we return after the holidays. Bees are very important to nature and we do what we can to help - have you seen our Bee and Butterfly Garden? We are looking forward to running this experiment and submitting our results. Please consider helping the research by doing this at home. All you need is a lavender plant and 5 minutes.

If you are interested in helping with any of our ECO activities please contact Mrs Dodd or Mrs Bowling.

***Thank you!***