

ECO NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first Eco Newsletter of 2016-2017.

We have spent the first part of this school year forming our new Eco Warriors Team.

They are:

Year 3: Izzie, Sophie, Callum, Aaron, Tamsin and Conner.

Year 2: Chloe, Edith, Phoebe, Charlie and Jack

Year 1: Braden, Ollie, Flo, Bobby, Teagan, Lily and Austin

The Eco Warriors will all receive badges as soon as we receive our extra order - we were not expecting to have such a large team but as they are so keen we didn't want to miss anybody out. To make things fair, and to keep the meetings to a reasonable size, they will all attend meetings and activities where possible but otherwise will have a term in which they will always attend. The Eco Warriors will have a copy of the minutes explaining this.

The first task set for the Eco Warriors was to design a poster asking for help in our school grounds. They started their posters in a meeting and then took them home to finish. We will vote for the best 6 and laminate them for display

You may have seen the leaflets that our Eco Warriors were distributing about volunteers. If you haven't and are interested, or know somebody else that may be interested, in helping in our school grounds there are more leaflets available on the Link Eco Board. Due to building works we did not enter any gardening competitions last year. It looks unlikely, without help, that we will be able to enter any this year due to staff commitments. Any time, however little, will help us enormously.

Energy

Autumn term is when we focus on energy and the saving of energy used in school. SwitchOff Fortnight runs from 14th November until 27th November 2016. We will be giving the children the opportunity to make a pledge stating how they will save energy. All pledges are put on a printed autumn oak leaf, laminated and displayed on our Eco Tree in the Link. The Eco Warriors will be monitoring our electricity use and issuing stickers to those that are remembering to save energy where possible. Please help our children with this at home.

Please look out for notices and little fact snippets when we come back to school after the holidays.

Recycling

Please remember that we have a bin, near the school gates, where you can post your pairs of unwanted shoes. These then go to third world countries and help raise funds for our Eco work here in school.

As you know we also have textile collections to raise funds. We try to organise a collection in our spring term as that is the term that we focus on waste. However, if you have bags of unwanted textiles that you need to clear out before then we can store them and organise a collection as soon as we have enough. Please do not include duvets or any kind of bedding or linens as they are not accepted by the collectors. This collection is strictly clothes. If you do have duvets let us know as we have another source that may want them to go to a greyhound rescue centre. We will issue further information and bags in the spring term.

We are also now collecting stamps, foreign, British, used and new, to send to Sarnia Guinea Pig Rescue. If you have stamps on any of your post received at home please remove them and send them into school with your child - we will do the rest. We thought it would be nice for the children to help other guinea pigs that are not as fortunate as our own school guinea pigs, Sparkle, Nibbles and Squeak.

Christmas Recycling

The majority of you will remember our Christmas snowflakes last year. We decorated a Christmas tree with decorations from recycled drink bottles which was displayed in Tesco and Hookwood and won the competition. Tesco informed us that they had customers asking if they could purchase the snowflakes in store. We are also aware that some members of staff and parents were also interested in having some. We will begin making these with the children after the half term holidays. We intend to decorate our Eco Tree with them and the school hall Christmas tree. Any spare will be available for a donation to our Eco funds. If you would like to help by sending in the cut off and washed bottoms of small drink bottles we would be grateful. The children thoroughly enjoyed making the snowflakes last year and the more we have the more they can make.

We will very soon be visited by an Eco assessor regarding our Green Flag renewal. If you would like to know more or be a part of our Eco Team please speak to Mrs Dodd or Mrs Bowling.