

ECO NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Spring! Welcome also to our 2nd Newsletter. Hopefully you have been kept up to date with our activities through the smaller updates sent home in our school Newsletter and Information and Reminders sheets.

For those of you that may have missed the announcement, our Green Flag was awarded for the second time in November of this school year. This is a big achievement as a lot of work goes into our Green Flag status and you will see a lot of it in the activities that you see around the school. There are 9 areas covered by Eco Schools ~ Litter, Waste, Energy, Water, Biodiversity, School Grounds, Transport, Global Citizenship and Healthy Living.

We have a very keen team of Eco Warriors that help to make decisions on our activities and to promote them to the rest of the school. During the first ECO Big Think Time of the Spring Term all pupils from Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 came up with suggestions for which activities we should cover for our Waste Focus this term. The Eco Warriors then voted and the result was to have a Book Swap and to continue our annual textile collection.

The Book Swap is purely that ~ no funds are generated but it is an opportunity for the pupils to 'recycle' books that they no longer want. Simply send your child in to school with your unwanted children's books and they can choose to take another. Our Eco Warriors will do the rest. Each child that brings in a book will receive a sticker.

The textile collection is with Phil the Bag. This raises much needed funds for Eco activities. The more we collect, the more we raise. This has been set as a Challenge for our pupils. A challenge that we're sure you must have heard about from them as they are very excited to have Baby Busta in their year group.

This is Baby Busta



Baby Busta is made from 5 recycled plastic bottles.

The challenge is that for every donation to Phil the Bag the pupil will have their name ticked by an Eco Warrior and will be given a sticker. Please don't feel that you need to send in a rubbish sack full of unwanted clothes, just a carrier bag with a pair of shoes or a T-shirt will suffice. We will then add the contents from several small donations to fill a larger sack. All clothing, shoes, bags, hats, belts can be donated.

Obviously we are hoping to have a large collection of BIG bags by **collection day on 29th March 2017**. (All bags to be in the day before, on 28th March, as the driver sometimes arrives very early) Please ask your family, friends and neighbours if they would also like to contribute to our collection. Following a review of their ECO policy Phil the Bag no longer supply bags but you can use any bag to send in your items..

The **Year Group** with the largest number of donations by collection day will get to keep Baby Busta in their classroom until the next challenge.



If you are interested in our ECO activities and would like to help please speak to Mrs Dodd or Mrs Bowling. Summer Term is when we focus on the school grounds so any enthusiastic gardeners may like to join us then.