



Congratulations On Passing Your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

Congratulations!!!
Fantastic work Megan!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St. Paul's Constable Lee Primary School have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

We like your approach to appointing the Eco-Committee members whereby you used a voluntary system. Each child that wished to become a member was required to write an application and staff members chose the children they felt would be best for the role. It is wonderful to hear that the process has developed their confidence and skills in leadership, critical thinking and team building! It is clear that your approach to the Eco-Committee demonstrates a proactive, inclusive and educational approach to the programme. It is impressive to see! We also like how your Eco-Committee communicates their work in a variety of ways. For example, you communicate through your Eco-Board notice board and through assemblies. The committee members also communicate through conversations with their peers especially with their own class. They also communicate through posters that have been displayed around the school. This approach shows how valued and embedded the ideas underpinning the Eco-Schools programme are in your school! It was really great to read how your Environmental Review provided the basis for the projects in your Action Plan and helped you identify the areas you need to focus on. It is great to hear that the review process was a good opportunity for the new Eco-Committee to get to know each other! Your inclusive and educational approach to the process demonstrates a reflective and considered approach to your Eco-Schools work - this is a great skill that we can all learn from! You've clearly taken great efforts to connect your Biodiversity, Litter, and Global Citizenship projects happening across the school and embedding work into curriculum and everyday school life in a really impactful way. This is really inspiring and clever. Your Action Planning is great! The actions that you planned out were SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound). This is important as it helps to achieve progress and empower your Eco-Committee. It was also great to see accountability and monitoring and evaluation marked in your Action Plan and that you identify a range of creative actions. We like how your fun Eco-Code poem has clear ideas and is a call to action that the whole school can get behind! Your curriculum links were really clear and creative! For example, we like that you used active learning strategies and used a cross-curricular approach. For example, we love hearing about how you focused your students on being more understanding global citizens this academic year. For example, you got them to look at the cotton trade with links to Fairtrade products during their history and geography lessons and they used skills from DT to recycle cotton t-shirts into cotton bags and during enterprise week, and used Fairtrade chocolate to make delicious goodies to sell, and send the profits back to the Fairtrade charity! This kind of creative and practical joined-up pedagogical work hopefully helps the

children to create lovely memories and approach these important topics in fresh and relevant ways and is a great way to encourage them to take pride and ownership of their health and their local environment. You've also clearly looked both internally and externally and engaged with a range of different stakeholders, including that you worked with Civic Pride this year to start the process of rewilding some of your areas around school and creating a bee corridor. This kind of work is a good example of the collaborative approach we will all need to adopt to help protect and improve our environment - your application made us feel really positive for the future! Your achievements this year have been lovely to hear about. It is wonderful to see that your children are keen to protect the environment, and this is in large part due to the actions and attitudes of your staff in regards to setting an example in raising the importance of taking care of our planet. It is inspiring to hear you say that the biggest success has been the impact on the litter around school. It is great to hear that you have got compost bins up and running to encourage children to compost as much as possible, and that you have reduced the amount of printing staff can do to reduce the paper waste. You have also added more litter picks to your everyday life such as walks to the swimming baths, walks around the ring road to forest school etc, and you have introduced recycle tubs in school for school supplies such as pens, rulers etc. All of these efforts show how embedded the values of the Eco-Schools project are within your school, well done everyone! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do. You should all be very proud of your amazing work and the great application you have submitted. You've really earned your Green Flag Award!

As always THANK YOU very much for your hard work, we are so proud of all our schools and the collective achievements they have made to protect our planet for future generations. We look forward to working with St. Paul's Constable Lee Primary School again next academic year to help you expand on your eco-actions and successes of this year.

Have a great summer break,

The Eco-Schools Team