



Eco – Committee News!



December 2023

Welcome to the first edition of the Eco-Committee news this academic year. Here we are in Winter, with one term of eco meetings under our belt and a newly formed eco-committee. As ever our Eco Reps are **REACH**ing in all that they do and are keen to make a difference to the world around them. They will introduce themselves to you in this edition.



We are also celebrating the success of last year's Eco-Committee who have won the internationally recognised Eco Schools Green Flag award again for St Joseph's. This award recognises the hard work put in by the children, helping our school tread lightly on the Earth and ensure that we are acting as excellent stewards of God's creation.

This year we will be tackling three new topics as we aim for yet another Green Flag. Our topics for 2023 – 2024 are **Biodiversity**, **Transport** and **Global Citizenship**. Each newsletter will contain top tips so you can join us as we work towards greater sustainability in these topics. You can also find out more about the actions we have planned, the Eco School's award and keep up-to-date with our work, via the Eco-Committee page on the school website.

We always strive to work as a community so if you have any feedback or any great eco themed ideas, please let us know via the SLT email address. With everyone involved, we can have a greater impact.

Our Topics 2023 - 2024

Global Citizenship: Climate Change will affect communities in different ways. This topic encourages us to take an active role in our local and global community and work with others to make our planet more peaceful, sustainable, and fair. Actions will include fundraising for environmental charities and celebrating diversity.

Transport: As a village school that people need to drive to, for us, this is a tricky topic to tackle. However, we will be working on actions that promote sustainable transport as a great way to cut carbon and protect our planet.

Biodiversity: Biodiversity is essential for supporting all life on Earth. Healthy eco-systems provide the air we breathe and the food we eat. We will be looking at ways to increase the levels of animal, insect and plant life on our school grounds, in our local area and across the world.



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Year 1

My name is **Sam**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to zap the teachers! I also want to help look after the planet.

My name is **Joseph**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to look after the planet so it can be healthy.

Year 2

My name is **Winnie**. I am on the Eco Committee because I like looking after animals and the environment.

My name is **Tristan**. I am on the Eco Committee because I like doing litter picking.

Year 3

My name is **Ella**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to help save the Earth. I believe that little things make a big difference.

My name is **Austin**. I am on the Eco Committee because I love looking after plants and the environment.

Year 4

My name is **Olive**. I am on the Eco Committee because I really want to help save the planet and help with climate change. My granny says “remember to be an eco-warrior. The world needs lots of them!”.

My name is **Millie**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to make the world a better place and I love nature.

Year 5

My name is **Violet**. I am on the Eco Committee because I have never been a class representative before and I care about climate justice.

My name is **Tansy**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to help the school be a more eco-friendly place.

Year 6

My name is **Evie-mai**. I am on the Eco Committee because my mum inspires me to make a change and the Eco-Committee is a club that can make change in our community. It also means I can show Stewardship, which is one of our Catholic Social Teaching principles.

My name is **Pip**. I am on the Eco Committee because I want to make a difference to the way people treat the environment.

Taking Action; Making a Difference

Already so far this year, our reps have been litter picking on a weekly basis and monitoring energy use in the school by ‘zapping’ – making sure classrooms have lights and board turned off when not in use.

Our Year 6 rep Evie-mai also wrote a wonderful **letter to our MP** Siobhan Baillie, on behalf of the Eco-Committee, telling her all about us and what we do. We’ve also asked her for suggestions of what else we could do. We look forward to her reply!

Through a small second hand uniform sale we raised **£9.70 for more bird food**. Thank you to those who helped with this. We have topped up our feeders on the school field and the birds are feasting!

We wish you all a very merry, eco-friendly Christmas!

