

Eco Committee Newsletter

July 2019

As you may be aware, we as a school have been focusing on becoming more eco-friendly. We are currently working towards an award called 'Eco Schools'.

We have set up an Eco Committee, which has been running since the summer term in 2018. It consists of Eco Ambassadors from years 1 to 6 and also ex-pupils from year 7. The committee is supported by a small group of parents and staff. We have devised a survey to find out what your views are about what we are up to. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

We have 10 major topics that we are going to try to improve in the school. These topics are marine, biodiversity, energy, litter, global citizenship, healthy living, school grounds, transport, waste and water. We carried out an environmental review of the whole school and singled out biodiversity, water and waste to focus on this academic year. We then developed action plans based on these topics.

What we've achieved so far:

- Creative Eco Club activities such as making a bug house, bird feeders, wild seed bombs, decorating recycled plant pots and creating land art
- Eco Warrior of the Week Award
- Paper recycling bins in every classroom
- Through Eco Club we've carried out audits around waste, biodiversity and water
- Food waste review with Eden Food
- Plastic free day
- Writing to Kelloggs about palm oil following a talk on orangutans and deforestation
- We have an adopted orangutan which we were gifted
- Making planet pledges as individuals throughout the whole school
- Outside litter bins to earn house points
- Whole school beach clean
- Plastic pollution short film competition
- Plastic pollution poster competition
- Talks and workshops from organizations such as Beach Guardians, Camp Kernow, St Agnes Marine Conservation Group, Falmouth Marine Conservation Group, and Maria's Animal Sanctuary
- Assemblies to learn more about the key topics
- Distributing Eco Year Planners to every family in school
- Linking up with Chacewater Energy Group and Chacewater Parish Council to work together on things such as creating a bird hide on Millennium Green
- A visit from Sarah Newton (MP) to discuss our concerns about climate change
- Establishing litter guards to reduce litter in the playground
- Identification and planning for new planting in the school grounds
- New water butts
- Creating a wormery
- Surveys to involve the wider school community

- Linking to these topics through the curriculum

What we're planning next for these topics:

- Develop a school Eco Code
- Improving recycling by expanding our range of recyclable items
- Working with Eden Foods to reduce food waste
- Working with the milk supply company to reduce plastic straws
- Getting a school pet
- Regenerating the pond
- Creating eco bricks to build a structure for use in the school grounds
- Further talks
- More indigenous planting in school grounds and labeling of plants and trees
- Bird and bat boxes
- Development of the bird hide on Millennium Green
- Trips to recycling centre

We have achieved our Bronze and Silver Awards and are aiming to for the Green Flag next. We will then begin working on new topics.

For more information about what we are doing or to make any suggestions please see our Eco Board in the school corridor just outside the hall.

To complete the surveys online please use the links or scan the codes below.

Parent Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/598YCWN>



Student Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/57LMWC8>



Thank you for taking part!

The Eco Committee 😊

