

Eco Team!

Eco team has a committed team of children who attend the club. Each meeting has a different focus and the children are kept very busy!

We have recently planted lots of new trees, which were brought to school by Mrs Janet Manning, our Eco club Advisor...thank you!

The back school entrance has benefited from a big planting spree, where Janet (who provided the plants) and Eco team planted a wonderful variety of plants, all of which will attract lots of wildlife to the school.

We use a great range of tools at Eco club and these have been bought using the Morrison's Tokens, which were brought into school by the children, thank you everyone involved! The organising of these tokens and ordering of equipment was carried out by Mrs Frances Worle....thank you, they are still going strong!

Along side Eco team, one of the development groups 'Eco Active' entered a 'sensory garden' competition, which we did not win....however, we have just received a letter thanking us for our entry and a garden voucher token for fifty pounds!!! Well done everyone including Mrs Manning for the valuable information on plants and where they should grow.

The Eco Team were also responsible for achieving the Eco Silver Award which is a nationally recognised award. The children were successful in their application as they fulfilled a long list of criteria. The award demonstrates the children's awareness of being green, encouraging staff, parents and children to think green and create a greener environment. So how did they achieve this? The children created and maintained several flower beds; planted raised vegetable beds (where a variety of fruit and vegetables were grown, then used to make Harvest soup for school lunch), recycled fruit waste, picked litter from the school playing field and playgrounds. They also made posters, which were displayed around the school reminding all to turn off lights, save water and close doors to keep the heat in.

Today the Eco team are still working hard on the above areas and hope to re-vamp the key hole garden and wild life area...watch this space!

The criteria for the Eco Silver Award award were as follows:

Eco-Committee

- The school has identified an **Eco-Committee** consisting of pupils and adults which meets at least once every half term
- Pupils share the responsibility with adults for running the committee (the level of responsibility expected depends on the age and ability of the pupils involved)
- The Eco-Committee includes a parent and/or governor representative
- Records are kept of meetings

Environmental Review

- The Eco-Committee has completed an **Environmental Review** covering the **Eco-Schools nine topics**
- Results of the review have been discussed by the Eco-Committee and communicated with the whole school

Action Plan

- The Eco-Committee has produced a detailed **Action Plan**
- The plan contains timescales, targets and who is responsible
- The Eco-Committee has shared the plan with the rest of the school

Linking to the curriculum

- The school can indicate that some environmental issues have been covered within **curriculum work** in most year groups

Involving the whole school and wider community

- The school has a prominent, designated **notice board**, detailing Eco-Schools activities
- The Eco-Committee regularly **communicates Eco-Schools activities to the whole school and wider community** (eg. via assemblies and newsletters)

Monitoring and evaluation

- The Eco-Committee **monitors the effectiveness of Eco-Schools work** (eg. via data collection, before and after photographs etc)

Eco-Code

- The school has an agreed, adopted and displayed **Eco-Code**

Project work

- The school has completed in-depth work on at least one of the **Eco-Schools nine topics**

