

What is the Eco-Schools Programme?

Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging millions of children across 64 different countries, making it the largest environmental schools programme in the world.

St Joseph's is now joining thousands of other schools around the UK in learning the importance of environmental issues. It encourages our young people to engage in their environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it. It starts with a few individuals, expanding to the school and eventually filters in the community. Eco Schools empowers pupils to make positive change ... small steps make a BIG DIFFERENCE!

Our goal is to become a GREEN FLAG SCHOOL!

<u>The Eco Team</u>

A key part of the programme is the Eco Team who are representatives from classes in Key Stage 2. They are working hard to identify areas of our school which we can improve upon to make us greener and achieve our Green flag Award.

<u>Autumn Term.</u>

Our new journey on the programme has got off to a fantastic start. The first job our eco warriors have conducted is an environmental review, focusing on the nine topics. This highlighted the areas which need development in our school.

One of the topics we decided to concentrate on was to improve our school grounds. We have made a great start on creating a wildlife garden at the front of the school. We have planted plants, bulbs and are creating an herb garden too. This has been possible by lots of donations from local companies and the hard work of the children, staff and parent volunteers. This is the first of many projects that the school will be involved with.

