



Eco Award Update.

Our goal was to become a green flag school and WE DID IT!

The children and staff worked hard last year on gaining our award with Distinction. Mrs Ashmore and Mrs Martin are very proud of the children's commitment and their work which enabled us to achieve our goal.

St Joseph's is again joining thousands of other schools around the UK in learning the importance of environmental issues to maintain our green flag award. As you know, 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!

The Eco Team

A key part of the programme is the Eco Team who are representatives from classes in Key Stage 2. They have already identified areas of our school which we can still improve upon to make us even greener and achieve our green flag Award for the second year.

Autumn Term.

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. Our topics that the Eco Team are focusing on this year are School grounds, Energy and Biodiversity. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Eco Roadshow

The Eco team attended an Eco Roadshow at St Pauls in November, this was organised by the Leicester City Council Sustainable Schools Team. The children started their day by walking up to St Pauls (Eco-Friendly!). The children then participated in three workshops all looking at environmental issues such as healthy eating, walking, or riding to school and how we can look after our soil. The children had a fabulous day.



Tesco Community Bags of Help! (Blue tokens)

In the summer we asked if you could support the school by collecting blue tokens at Tesco's. Your support for this was massive, all the children kept telling us that they were putting in the tokens so we could win! I am pleased to inform you all that we have been allocated £1000 towards our garden. We will be buying Vegetable tables and equipment to allow the children to grow their own vegetables. This is AMAZING so a HUGE THANK YOU to you all. We couldn't have done it without you.



Our plans for next term.

We are continuing our work in the eco garden at the front of the school. We made a great start last year, so we need to continue making it look great.

We are also improving and building the bug hotel. The children would like to encourage more wildlife to the garden.

They are also keen to start looking at ways we can keep save our energy in school.

We are still collecting used batteries and stationery. Batteries can be deposited in the foyer and stationery is being collected in all classrooms.

Thank you again for your continued support.