

Eco Newsletter

Welcome to St Mary's first eco newsletter! We have set our sights on becoming a more sustainable school and have been working over the last two terms to raise the children's awareness of sustainable issues and the difference they can make as individuals and by working together as a school community.

This will be the first and last eco newsletter to be printed and sent out. In the interests of reducing paper wastage we will be posting each of these newsletters on the new eco board (next to the gardening club notice board as you enter the Key Stage 1 area). A new letter will appear after each eco committee meeting. We will also use the board to show pictures and work we have been doing.

The school has recently been given some composting caddies and all classes now have one to put their fruit peelings in at playtime. We would also like to encourage children to use caddies in the lunch hall to deposit any compostable waste from their lunch boxes. Not only will this provide us with more compost for our school allotments but should also prevent problems with fruit flies and ants in the summer.

At our last eco meeting we discussed ideas for improving the school grounds. We are currently getting these ideas drawn up on a formal school plan which will be displayed on the eco notice board when completed.

Many of the projects will take place during this year's arts week which is going to have an environmental focus. We will send out further details of these nearer the time as we would love to have parents coming in and getting involved with the projects. Each class have come up with their own ideas and we hope the changes will make the grounds more enjoyable to spend time in. We also hope that the children's involvement will inspire them to look after and maintain what is put in place.

We now have an eco committee set up to discuss issues and plan future projects. We are very grateful for the expertise of all the parents that have got involved and would welcome you to come along to the next meeting to find out more about what we do and how you could help. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 9th April at 3:15.

As you know we have now started our can recycling scheme. Please do bring in any crushed cans that you have at home. Our art club are decorating the large can drum which will be kept in the courtyard to hold the collection.