



## ECO SCHOOLS AWARD.

The school council decided that they would like to promote an environmental theme this year.

We have decided to try to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag Award.

Eco schools is a world wide award program that helps schools become more eco friendly and provides awards and help along the way.

There are currently 46 countries world wide that take part in eco schools and counting! There are 40,000 eco schools around the world from UK to France and Morocco to South Africa.

We have the Bronze flag already but we feel that we need to push our expectations higher and achieve the same high achievement level that is shown throughout the school curriculum already.

### **What are we doing?**

- We have formed an Action Team made up of the School Council, Senior Staff (Mr. White) and a parent governor (Mark Whiteley) and we meet at least every 3 – 4 weeks to plan how we are going to achieve the award.
- We have completed a formal Environmental Review and have worked out an action plan based on what we found out.
- We are planning to produce an Eco-Code. This is our mission statement and it will demonstrate our school's commitment to improving its environmental performance. We will be running this as a competition with all students.
- In ICT lessons at Lower School students are completing various environmental projects including pledges cards where students make pledges to help the environment.

### **What are the Projects we are going to complete?**

There are 3 projects initially identified by the School Council:

**Lower School -** Recycling. We are planning to make Recycling a priority. We want to improve the paper recycling throughout the whole school. We also want to introduce can recycling and food waste collection. There will

be a recycling week on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and there will be lots of activities and competitions.

**Upper School -** Healthy Living – Promoting healthy lifestyles, supporting changes to the food provision and involvement in the Sports development through the New Build  
We will also help with the data collecting and suggest improvements to the school Travel Plan.

Everyone - Saving Energy. A Sixth form group will lead on our efforts to reduce the school Energy Bills and try to improve the way we use energy.

**Success?**

We will complete a review in the summer to see if we have achieved our goals and then apply for the award.

Please keep an eye on these pages as we will update with our plans.