

Green Team Newsletter!

This is our first green newsletter which will give you regular updates on what is happening at school relating to green issues.

Eco-School Silver Award.

We are proud to announce that St. Peters has achieved the Eco-School **Silver Award** for our green accomplishments - well done everyone! We can now work towards gaining the prestigious green flag award for our efforts at school – keep up the good work!

Successful Green Week.

We would like to thank teachers, students and parents for their enthusiasm and involvement in green week this term. The children across the school learnt vital information on how we can keep our school and homes green by saving electricity and recycling. The week culminated in our **Low Carbon Day** where at school we used as little electricity as possible, using 35 units less than we normally do in a day – let's see if we can do this every day! We would also like to thank parents for contributing 50p for our green own clothes day, which raised a fantastic £71 – this money will go towards buying more tools, such as trowels and forks, to keep our School green and tidy.

Secret Garden Walk.

We are now ready to open our wood pathway on the field for children to explore and use at playtimes and lunch times. Many thanks to Mr Brookson for making this path for us, which weaves in and out of the trees on one side of the field so children can use their imagination whilst investigating our local, natural surroundings.

Allotment Produce.

At the end of the school day we are selling the organic produce from our vegetable patches to parents and visitors. All the fruits and vegetables are looked after and maintained by both the green team and year six, along with the help of Mrs Bunting and Mrs Baker. The produce is organic and lovingly grown, so why not try some of our delicious goods!

Plastic Bottles.

The green team need you to save your two litre fizzy drink bottles and bring them into school. If we manage to collect 1,000 then we can make our very own green house out of them! This would allow us to experiment growing more heat dependent fruits and vegetables, such as cucumbers. So please, instead of recycling, give us your plastic bottles!

Lower Your Carbon Footprint.

So that you can continue to be green at home and at school, here are a few tips on lowering your carbon footprint:

- Turn off the lights in rooms if no one is in them, and turn off appliances at the plug.
- Use less water by taking more short showers instead of baths.
- Buy local or English produce so that food does not have to be flown in via aeroplanes.

And remember, keep up the green good work!

Mrs Blaymire-James and the Green Team.

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