

# Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

## **Congratulations!!!**

Fantastic work St Johns School.

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St Johns School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

## **We reviewed your application and noted the following:**

It's very impressive that you have formed such a large Eco-Committee with fantastic adult support. It shows that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change. This knowledge and attitude has provided your school with excellent foundations for the many successes that you've achieved this year. It's brilliant that Lucy in Year 6 was given the responsibility for recording meeting minutes and the examples you have provided are fantastic! This will allow them to take ownership over the Eco-Schools programme and develop their listening, communication and teamwork skills. It would be great to see this responsibility shared out across other members of the Eco-Committee in the future. We loved reading the quote provided by Lucy. She sounds like a very impressive individual and her quote demonstrated how passionate she is about improving their local community and protecting our planet.

It's brilliant to read that the Environmental Review completed by your Eco-Committee helped your pupils appreciate everything that your school is already doing to benefit our environment and identify areas to work on in the future. It was lovely to read some comments on your Environmental Review and gain a real insight into the debate and discussion that took place whilst completing it. It's clear your Eco-Committee are constantly considering what actions they can take to improve their local community and benefit our planet. It is fantastic that they felt able to communicate with other members of staff such as your Caretaker and Kitchen Staff to further knowledge and discussion. We love that your Environmental Review inspired the choice of projects in your Action Plan. It's a strong approach to work on things that will produce visible impact and change, and a great example of critical thinking. We love the variety of activities that you and your Eco-Committee have included in the Action Plan that implement initiatives you already have in place. This will no doubt support multi-disciplinary skills and shows how integrated

environmentalism is in your school. You have also done an amazing job at including lots of detail and explanation within your Action Plan.

Your Curriculum Link examples are imaginative, practical and fun, making environmental education accessible and engaging, well done!

It is great that you have been able to improve recycling and host regular visitors to the school to continue to raise awareness and engage more students. It is fantastic to read that Eco-Schools and environmental issues have become an embedded part of your learning. We loved looking at all of the supporting evidence that you provided! You have placed a lot of emphasis on informing as many members of your school community as possible in your Eco-Schools work through methods such as your Eco-Board, local newspapers and newsletters and this is a strength of your application. Getting involved with a variety of charity organisations as well as many MANX businesses is a brilliant sign of your commitment to partnership. Your ability and willingness to partnership is impressive! We'll need this approach to fight the impacts of climate change in the future.

The parental quote provided by Catherine is wonderful, and we hope educators in your school take pride from it – your hard work has clearly had a lasting impact regarding confidence and engagement in Eco-Action. This is what all Eco-Schools should aim for.

Your uploaded evidence is fantastic, and we loved seeing the variety you provided. Your greatest success is a brilliant achievement. Your commitment to improving the environment as well as the experience of your students by building the Peter Rabbit Patch Garden. It is fantastic that your efforts for the school garden were highlighted by your local radio station in order to gain some well-deserved resources. It's clearly something that pupils will be proud of and leaves a great legacy to build upon.

The challenge of funding is a common one faced by many Eco-Schools. It creates a pressure and takes resilience to keep going as you have been. It is great to read that your Caretaker has taken on such a vital role to support you in your journey. With this context, your achievements are even greater and we feel lucky that you've committed to our programme and delivered the achievements that you have. This is a big achievement.

We love your collaborative approach to creating an Eco-Code, this approach has allowed young people to take ownership and create a final code that will be treasured by everyone at your school. It is fantastic that you were able to work together to focus on key points you wanted within your Eco-Code. It is fantastic that you were able to include ST JOHNS in your Eco-Code as a fantastic acrostic, well done! It has been an absolute pleasure to read through your application, you are a wonderful ambassador for the Eco-Schools programme and we are delighted, without hesitation, to award you an Eco-Schools Green Flag – Congratulations!