

## **Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!**

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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:**

You have a very large Eco-Committee supported by four adults. This clearly demonstrates both students and staff members in your school are committed to environmental education and youth-led eco-actions.

Thank you for sharing your meeting minutes and Eco-Committee photo with the Eco-Schools' Team. They really helped to provide an insight into your Eco-Schools' work, and the dynamics of your pupil-led Eco-Committee!

Your Environmental Review is packed with comments, and this is exactly what our team enjoys seeing. It's clear that completing it provided your Eco-Committee with plenty of ideas for creating an impactful Action Plan. Your Action Plan contains a diverse range of activities aimed at creating positive behaviours, making an immediate difference to your local environment, and expanding your Eco-Schools' initiatives into your local community. Your Action Plan is clearly aimed at involving as many people as possible, maximising the impacts of your Eco-Schools activities. When developing your Action Plan, your Eco-Committee carefully thought about how they would monitor each of their activities. This consideration will increase engagement in their Eco-Schools' work and highlight their potential impacts.

Your curriculum link examples are impressively extensive and varied, showing your school's integration of environmental issues across a variety of subjects and year groups. We greatly appreciate your creativity in addressing environmental issues within your learning. It's obviously not just about covering these topics in your curriculum;

you're using them to enhance the overall learning experience in your school. We particularly enjoyed seeing the pupil's work that was uploaded, such as the letter created by Puffin class to petition for changes to the 'Smile of Mann' campaign (you have some very talented young people in your school)!

Your Eco-Committee have used an impressive variety of methods to promote sustainability and keep their school community informed about their Eco-Schools' initiatives throughout the academic year. Your Eco-Committee have enriched each project this academic year by working with different experts and stakeholders – this is definitely an example of best practice that all Eco-Committee's should aim for!

It was a pleasure to learn that your local community have benefitted from your Eco-Schools' work, hopefully the actions of your Eco-Committee will inspire others to take ownership over their local environment and show that they love where they live.

Your Eco-Schools noticeboard looks fantastic, with lots of data demonstrating the positive impacts you and your Eco-Committee have created. The greatest success of your Eco-Schools' journey was the development of your 'Peter Rabbit Patch' garden and we agree that this is something to be very proud of.

Your Eco-Schools' work faced funding constraints, however, your Eco-Committee adapted and were able to demonstrate that environmental action doesn't have to be expensive to be effective. Your Eco-Code is beautifully designed, with clear goals that relate to your achievements and future aspirations. It's a great manifestation of your values and accomplishments!

Your application really highlights your Eco-Committee's unwavering determination to create positive impacts in their school, local community, and beyond. They have delivered a fantastic programme of eco-action over the academic year, and we congratulate them for earning an Eco-Schools' Green Flag.