



# The Drelincourt School

## Eco News letter

Issue 1

### Eco update -

At The Drelincourt we are implementing the Eco-Schools Environmental Education Program. Last year we achieved our Bronze Award and this year we are thriving towards our Silver. We have chosen six members of the P3 class to help with the day to day running of this, Agne, Callum, Nikolay, Silvia, Chloe and Desi.



## Silver Award

In order to achieve our Silver Award, we are focusing on three main environmental areas :- Litter, Waste and Biodiversity.

### LITTER

To help us understand the impact of litter on the environment we have joined with the local council.

Kate Campbell the Environmental Officer has visited our school and has been very informative in this Area.

We are hoping to 'adopt a spot'. The spot being the Folly Glen (and have already had our first litter pick) Kate kindly supplied us with litter pickers, bin bags and rubber gloves.

We had a beautiful day for the job. The children were so enthusiastic. We could hardly keep up. We managed to fill almost two bin bags of litter, which weighed 14 kg. The activity was so successful we are hoping to continue with this in March, April and May. The Folly Glen will be spotless by the time we are finished!



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### ECO SCHOOLS COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Agne
- Callum
- Nikolay
- Chloe
- Silvia
- Desi

# WASTE

For our Waste topic, we have been exploring practical means for reducing, reusing and recycling.

The Eco Council carry out their duties on a daily basis. These include :- switching off lights when no-one is in, switching immersions off after break, monitoring the use of hand towels in the bathroom, recycling leftovers at break and dinnertime, washing and reusing single use plastics for craft activities.

Christmas mobiles made from recycled materials



*'Switch off the lights when no one is in'*

*'Don't waste the water, turn off the tap'*

*'Always use both sides of the paper'*

*'Only use one paper towel, save the trees'*

The children designed posters to remind us not to be wasteful. These were placed in strategic positions throughout the school.



# PLASTIC PLEDGE

We took the 'Plastic Pledge' online. This involves the reduction of plastic straws, balloons, beverage bottles, carrier bags, plastic cutlery and take away cups, in our school.

We now walk to the shops each week, to buy two litre cartons of milk. This reduces the use of cardboard disposable milk cartons.

The teachers now use a toweling hand towel rather than disposable hand towels in their staff toilet.

Mrs Trew and Mrs Walker travel to school together, helping to reduce carbon emissions.

We are separating plastics, paper and food into appropriate bins.

Most of these activities are on-going and we would encourage your children to practise these at home!



# BIODIVERSITY

We have such a lovely setting for our school, that we take part each year in the R.S.P.B birdwatch, as part of our biodiversity topic.



We have bird feeders placed outside the classroom. The eco council will check daily that there is food in these. The birds avail of this from January to April, the children being able to observe, recognize and value our native wild life.

## Planting peas and beans



As part of our biodiversity topic, we have planted peas and broad beans. Firstly in a small yoghurt pot and then we will transfer these outside along the fence. Hopefully the children will get to harvest and sample these before school finishes in June.



## ECO CODE

We have devised an 'eco code' that incorporates some of our eco activities through song, to the tune of 'Baby Shark'. Just ask your child for a rendition!

1. Feed the birds  
Seeds and lard  
Feed the birds  
Seeds and lard
2. Plant some trees  
If you want to breathe  
Plant some trees  
If you want to breathe
3. Switch off the light  
There's no need for bright  
It's a sin  
When no-ones in

Mrs . Trew will keep in touch through the monthly newsletter about how we are getting on with our silver award application. Fingers crossed!