

Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

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Fantastic work Eco Club,

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St. Margaret's Collier Street Primary School have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

You have a large Eco-Committee that is supported by 4 adults and this demonstrates your school's commitment to the Eco-Schools programme and pupil-led environmental action. Your approach to choosing an Eco-Committee is very inclusive, with pupils choosing to attend your Eco-Club, this is a great approach because it gives every young person at St. Margaret's Collier the opportunity to make a positive difference. It's great that the Environmental Review provided a little inspiration – this is what it's designed to do! It's also a nice side-effect that it allowed your Eco-Committee to appreciate what was already happening in school. We especially loved the sections that your Eco-Committee had added an additional question on – their questions were really mature and informative – well done Eco-Club! Allowing year 6 children to take the lead on deciding the Action Plan will build their confidence – it's a very, very empowering approach, a really smart idea and they led on a fantastic Action Plan. For Global Citizenship they decided they would like to sponsor an endangered animal and they planned fun, whole school events to get everyone involved, whilst also planning opportunities for schoolmates to learn more about issues surrounding endangered species. For Energy they planned a no lights day, which is a very inclusive action that raises a lot of awareness about our everyday behaviours and energy usage. Their most ambitious topic is School Grounds and making a bottle greenhouse – another fun project that involves the whole school. Well done Year 6 for leading on such an impactful and inclusive Action Plan! You planned an Eco-Week, and this is something our Team always recommends schools do because it means a whole school community is involved in environmental education in a communal and celebratory way. We're not surprised it was a highlight of your Eco-Schools journey! As you have referenced, it also allows you to creatively cover issues that may not be present in the National Curriculum - we loved seeing the Power Stations (this looked like so much fun)! The bird feeders also looked like a lovely activity which will help young people understand the 5 R's and appreciate nature and we are huge fans of author Sarah Roberts! Your Eco-Board is a riotous celebration of your Eco-Schools accomplishments and we love it! Alongside your Eco-Board you have used a variety of methods to inform, which ensure your whole community is kept up-to-date on your Eco-Schools work. Your Eco-Week Assembly is brilliant, especially the 'What can we do at Collier Street School?' slide – really emphasizing pupil's ability to impact on global issues. We really enjoyed reading the article in the Parish Mag, the quotes from Ruby and William are a highlight! It's particularly great that you have also reached out to parent representatives and governors, as this will certainly highlight the importance of your Eco-Schools work and raise the esteem of your Eco-Committee members! The parental quote provided is the first quote our team have seen that does not come from a parent of an Eco-Committee member. This makes it extra special because it really demonstrates that your Eco-Schools work involves and engages the whole

school. It is something to be proud of that pupils are talking about the issues raised in school with their families at home as this shows school-wide engagement in environmental issues! It was great reading about how your Eco-Committee overcame challenges surrounding the Greenhouse project. A lack of 2 litre bottles caused your Eco-Committee to change their plans and advertise for donations from their wider community, their willingness to improvise and adapt demonstrates real tenacity! When it is built during the Summer Term, it will be a lasting legacy of their efforts. Your Eco-Code is a real reflection of your achievements this year and the ethos at St. Margaret's Collier, the rap uploaded left the Eco-Schools Team absolutely beaming – it was joyous thank you so much for sharing and persevering after 59 takes! The thing that stood out most about your Eco-Schools application is how everything was planned to engage all pupils and the wider school community. This is incredibly special and we are delighted to recognise everyone's efforts with an Eco-Schools Green Flag!

The Eco-Schools Team