

SCHOOL ECO NEWS



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Green Flag Award Launch



Here at Meon Junior School our Eco Warriors have formed an Eco Council to work towards gaining a Green Flag Award for our school. They will work through an environmental education program, learning about key areas within the school, our community and local environment. They will raise environmental awareness by sharing knowledge with our school community and help to have a positive impact on our environment now and into the future. The program starts with a review of the school environment, looking at what we do well and what can be improved. We will share our findings over the coming months and then decide which areas to focus on to improve.

To find out more go to www.eco-schools.org.uk

Biodiversity



The Eco Council learnt about Biodiversity and began to review the natural areas in the school grounds. We looked at the creatures that live in our natural areas, whether we have any creatures or pets in the classrooms and whether our school has natural areas to play and work in. The council decided that we don't have much natural space but that we can do more to encourage biodiversity in the small areas that we do have. The Eco Warriors would like donations of bird boxes and feeders, bug hotels and small compost bins for the weeds. Look for Biodiversity Bingo sheets online to play at home or on the way to school.

Eco Warriors After School Club



October saw the successful launch of the Eco Warriors After School Club. It runs every first Thursday in the month and is at present open to existing Eco Warriors. The first meeting was a great success and it was good to catch up and hear the enthusiasm in which the children have been doing their bit over the summer to help the environment.

Tree News



When school shut down in March the saplings that we had recently planted were left to fend for themselves. Spring was very hot this year and some of them didn't survive but those that did are looking a bit healthier after the rains that we have had recently. The trees that you can see near the school office are Rowan Trees. In Scottish folklore they are a symbol of Courage, Wisdom and Protection.

We love to hear what our families are doing to help the environment and the good habits that you are forming. Please share your stories with us, especially if you are encouraging biodiversity, using less plastic or walking and cycling more.