



Eco Club Termly Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

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## Eco Charity!

Eco Club voted to make the Avon Wildlife trust their charity for a year. The Avon Wildlife Trust look after many nature reserves and sites in the old Avon district. They help wildlife survive and thrive and have many ambitious goals for the places they look after. Eco club has been thinking up ideas of how we can fundraise some money to support the Avon Wildlife Trust. In return the charity is going to lead an assembly for us and advise us on how best to improve our school grounds for wildlife.

If you are interested in learning more about what the Avon Wildlife Trust do please take a look at their website <https://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/>



**Avon**  
Wildlife Trust

## We want less waste – focus on food

Eco club have been encouraging their peers to try and create less packaging waste from their lunchboxes. After seeing how much rubbish was collected over a week in term 1 we did a second collection in Term 3. We found there was some less waste but still quite a lot of packaging. However we have been encouraged by many of our teachers thinking more about what they put in their family's lunchboxes.



## Earth day

Mrs Bennett challenged the whole school to get out and about during the Easter Holidays and complete an Earth Day project. The class teachers have seen so many excellent examples of what everyone got up to. Here is an example of a bug habitat that has been made to go in our Forest School area.

## Eco Club

Our Eco Committee are busy planning our upcoming Eco week in July. In the mean time they have been busy litter picking around the school site and encouraging their teachers to take them outside more often to do their learning.



## Let your garden grow...

Our rewilding strip at school is growing well and we have already identified several wildflowers growing up around our apple and cherry trees. No Mow May is a National incentive to encourage everyone to leave a patch of their garden unmown to help wildlife thrive. Our herb garden bug hotel roof is growing well too.



## Walk to school week

During May the whole school participated in Walk to School Week. Teachers tracked how many of their class came by foot, bike or scooter over the week with a prize for the class who made the best effort. Coming to school on foot helps everyone get more exercise, feel healthier and helps reduce pollution and the use of fossil fuels.

The winning class was .....

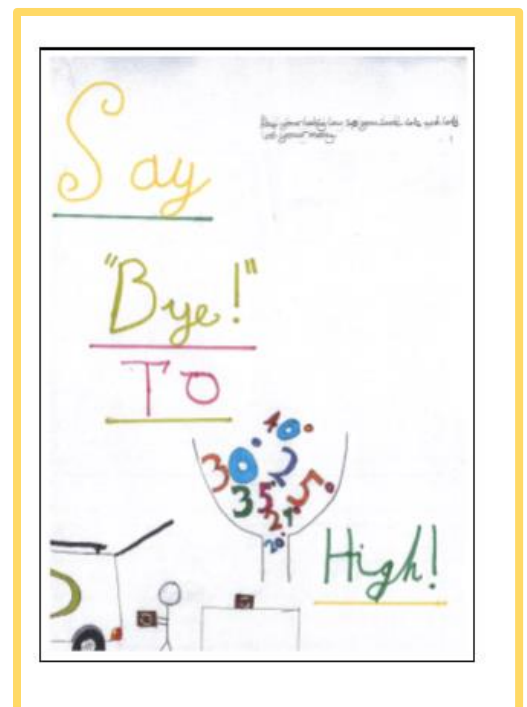


## Eco6

Eco 6 is our year 6 Eco club that support our whole school Eco Club run my Mr Taylor with interested children from Year 6. Here is a word about what they are doing this term from one of their members:

### Eco6 Heat Survey

A couple of weeks ago, Eco6 did a survey asking teachers about their heat and energy consumption. The results were good, but we decided to try and encourage teachers to lower their power consumption. We did this by talking to everyone in the school via an assembly, asking them to use less energy. We also told them that the teachers who improved their survey score the most, would win £50 worth of vouchers from Simply Green, the eco-friendly shop near Portishead High Street. The teacher will then be able to spend the prize money on their class. We also asked classes to encourage their teachers to win the challenge. To promote the Heat Challenge, Eco6 designed posters featuring shower times, kettle boiling, and other ideas to reduce your energy use. Soon, we will be completing the challenge by surveying the teachers second time, and checking who has improved the most. We will then announce the winners in an assembly and award the most-improved teachers the prize money.



## Eco6 Trip to Simply Green

Hello, our names are Megan and Freddie.

We are in the Portishead Primary school Eco6 club (year 6 eco team) and we recently went to Simply Green near Aldi.

Beth, the owner of Simply Green, has set up a business where you come to top up on eco-friendly food products or even a bottle of washing up liquid! She showed us how customers bring in their own containers instead of relying on single use plastics – an idea she first saw in Melbourne. She even sells sweets (Vegan and gluten-free) and soap, along with other luxuries such as dried fruit.

Before we left, we all tried some delicious vegan sweets and were given a 10% off voucher to spend in store.

## Eco tips and tricks from Eco Club

Walk to school and clubs when you can. It is better for you and the environment.

Plant some bee and bug friendly plants in your gardens or in pots. They look nice and are great for wildlife.

Switch off your lights and devices when you are not using them. It saves energy and money.

**We have two local specifically ethical shops on the high street which work hard to make shopping greener. Consider supporting them if you can.**

