



Dear Children and Parents/Carers,

Just over a year ago, we started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world present in nearly 70 countries with millions of children participating. Our school is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of our children and future generations. We gained our Bronze award on 21st April 2020, but due to the pandemic the committee and action plan has been on hold.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial saving. Being an active member of the programme will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life.

The programme focuses on ten important environmental topics:

1. Biodiversity
2. Energy
3. Global Citizenship
4. Healthy Living
5. Litter
6. Marine
7. School Grounds
8. Transport
9. Waste
10. Water

Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools around the world programme follow the same simple Seven Step framework. This usually takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first Green Flag, our school can continue in the programme and achieve multiple Green Flags whilst continuing to work on and promote environmental issues. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community.

We would like to get this scheme back up and running and we need to elect at least one child from each year group from Yr 1 upwards, onto our Eco committee, so if you/your child are interested (or is an existing member) please could you/they make a short video on seesaw or write a letter explaining why you would be a valuable member to have on the team. Closing date 26th February 2021

We hope you are as excited about Blackwater School's eco-journey as us,

Yours sincerely,
Miss Vaughan

Eco-Coordinator

