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Dear Andrew Welch and Jonathan Pye,

Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag Award Assessment Feedback

Congratulations to everyone at Small Isles Primary School for renewing your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award! I really enjoyed reading your application and can tell that you have put a lot of work into your Green Flag journey.

I love that your whole school is your Eco-Committee. You have accomplished a lot despite being a small school and having everyone involved has definitely contributed to your success. I like that you also have three smaller working groups for specific projects.

Your projects have stretched from your own school grounds, to a local beach and then reached to the whole of Jura and Islay as well. I love the way that Small Isles pupils focused on improvements for their whole community while working on the UNICEF Outright campaign. It's clear that they are always thinking of others in their community, for example, wanting to make their school grounds more accessible as well as looking nice, and their campaign to make island life more sustainable with improved recycling facilities and functional charging points. These are projects that will benefit everyone in the community, as well as the pupils themselves, and says a lot about their attitude towards their community and their environment.

You mention in your evidence that in future you would like to make a link between mathematics and your beach litter picking. At Keep Scotland Beautiful we are always looking for citizen science data and have a number of survey projects going on that we would love for pupils to take part in. The next time you are preparing to do a beach survey please have a look at our website for the latest information we are looking for. At the moment, we are asking anyone in the public to carry out a survey of single use packaging types that you see littered in your community. Although the survey sheet suggests printing the sheet – it is completely fine to email your results to make participation much easier. Please have a look here if you are interested: <https://www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org/community-and-place/clean-up-scotland/do-your-bit-to-clean-up-scotland/single-use-packaging-survey/>

Once again a big congratulations to everyone for this great achievement that reflects so much hard work and commitment.

Your next steps are to select your Eco-Committee, complete a new Environmental Review and write a draft Action Plan for the aims that you want to work towards in the next two years. Please remember that you should plan your work around Climate Action plus at least two other Topics and you must include at least one litter pick per year. We advise that you start a new online application and upload your draft Action Plan within three months of the date of this letter.

Congratulations once again and we wish you every success as you move on to your next application.

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