

Young Environmentalists

2024 Update

Last year we, as the Young Environmentalist Group, won a national competition. The competition was the Rotary's Young Environmentalist and we came first in the Junior category over the whole UK.



The application had a focus on wildlife habitat. For this we submitted evidence of increased bird wildlife in the school grounds. We have completed another survey this year and we are pleased to report the increase has continued.



As part of the follow up to that project, we have now installed a wildlife recording board in the school playground. This is because Eco Schools Scotland likes us to show evidence of recording wildlife in our school grounds. The board was made by Dalbeattie Men's Shed and looks like this:



We are now in the process of adding pictures to it and writing on some names of creatures, plus the dates they have been seen. If you see anything that is not on the board already please do ask a member of staff or the Young Environmentalist Group to assist with collecting a chalk pen and writing on the new names. The pen will be kept on a shelf at the sink outside Mrs McLean's P2/3 classroom.

This year's competition is about waste minimisation. This is why we now have a fancy new food scraps bin. It has also been made by the Men's Shed and looks like this. →

It is only for raw fruit or vegetable leftovers at snack time such as banana skins, apple cores, tangerine peelings, uneaten fruit or carrot and cucumber sticks.



We would like you to add these sort of things to the new bin when your out for your morning snack time:

apple cores, tangerine peel, banana skins, leftover cucumber, strawberries, carrot sticks- basically, anything which is left over raw fruit or vegetable.



We, the **Young Environmentalists** will regularly empty it and we will add it to the other big compost bin so that we can make compost from it to add to the flower beds.

