



# Eco Committee 2024-2025



## Minutes

Date	7.10.2024		School	St Joseph's Primary	
	Our Eco Targets for 2023 - 2024			Primary	Committee Members
	Litter & Waste	Global Citizenship	Climate Action		
We will carry out regular school litter picks	We will work towards our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award	We will reduce our use of single use plastic		P1	Rebecca
We will conduct community litter picks and beach cleans	We will learn about our rights and the rights of others around the world	We will run swap shops (Books, Halloween costumes, uniform)		P	Aazaria
We will have a food share station for unwanted & untouched items in our lunches	We will connect with a school in Zambia to learn about their lives	We will reduce energy waste by switching off appliances & we will take part in Earth Hour		P3	
We will only take what we will eat at lunch service	We aim to expand our library to include rights respecting books	We will learn about food journeys and sustainability		P4	Rhiannon
We will recycle waste products (paper, batteries, pens, soft plastics)	We will ensure we create our classroom charters	We will take part in Switch Off Fortnight to save energy		P5	Nanci-Rose
We will participate in Food Waste Action Week	We will take part in Anti-Bullying Week	We will take part in Climate Action Week		P6	Gregor
We will recycle garden waste	We will support local and global charities	We will change our search engine to Ecosia to help plant trees		P7	Brooke, Rubie, Kamil
We will reduce the amount of water waste by encouraging sensible water fountain use	We will learn about, and participate in, Fairtrade Fortnight	We will take part in the Big Walk and Wheel and walk to school whenever we can		Staff	Ms. Whorlow
We will recycle waste fabric with our ragbag collection, raising funds too	We will participate in Childline workshops	We will learn about greenhouse gases			
We will order recycled paper products in school	We will keep ourselves safe online and participate in Online Safety Day	We will participate in a global climate project with a school in Zambia			

- Welcome** - Miss Scott welcomed our committee to our Term 1 meeting.
- Previous Actions** - Everyone agreed that all actions from the last minutes have been closed off. Miss Scott thanked the committee for completing these.

### Litter & Waste

- Litter Picking Rota**- We agreed to continue with litter picking at least twice per week. Miss Scott has created a new rota for the remainder of term 1 and term 2.  
**Action: Committee members to ensure this takes place each week.**
- Whole school beach clean**- Our committee agreed that we take pride in our local area and as we are focusing on it a lot this term through our Social Studies topic, we decided a beach clean would be a good idea. We plan to invite parent helpers to come along and help us.  
**Action: Equipment organised and inform everyone.**
- No Food Waste**- Our committee agreed to encouraging our younger pupils to avoid food waste during lunch time. We all said we could create a poster informing everyone around the importance of preventing food waste.  
**Action: Ensure all posters are put up in our school canteen to remind everyone of the importance of food waste. (Rhiannon & Azaria)**

### Improving School Grounds

- The group talked about the recent workshop they had with Donna, Andy and Bill. Both classes got the chance to make bird and butterfly boxes to improve the habitat for wildlife in our school woodland. The children really enjoyed the chance to use woodworking skills. Some boxes were put up in the school woodland and some were sent home for families to put in their gardens at home.  
**Action: Thank our parent council and volunteers for making this possible. (Brooke, Nanci-Rose)**

### Climate Action

7. The children have been learning about carbon footprint in Miss Lisi's class and thinking about the ways we can all live more sustainably. The eco group decided to put signs up around our school to show how we can link our Catholic values of stewardship to our Eco Schools Action plan. The children came up with lots of ways we can look after the planet.

**Action: Create signs to put around our school (All pupils)**

8. The group talked about the recent Climate Action Day we had on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September with Carys from Creighton Carbon Climate Centre came into school and met with our Eco committee to discuss our Climate Action Plan in our Eco Schools award. All the children said they really enjoyed learning about the life cycle of plants and how plants give us oxygen.

### Any Other Business

**Anti-Bullying week-** We will participate in Anti-bullying week which takes place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Throughout the week we will plan a range of activities for our whole school to participate in. Pupil Council will organise this event as part of our Rights Respecting School Work.

**Action: plan a range of activities from suggestions on the Anti-Bullying website.**

**[Anti-Bullying Week 2024: Choose Respect \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)**

1. **AOB** - Miss Scott thanked everyone for their time and hard work
2. **Date of Next Meeting** - To be scheduled

Eco Committee Actions	Who by?	When by?
Litter Picking Rota (term 1 and term 2)	Miss Scott	End of Term 1
Beach Clean	Everyone	End of Term 1
Anti-Bullying week focus	Everyone/Pupil Council	Beg of Term 2
Poster on 'No Food Waste'	Eco Committee members	End of Term 1
Eco Committee Display Wall updated	Miss Scott	End of Term 1
Put up environmental/rights cards around school to show how our Catholic values of stewardship can help us take climate action	Eco Committee	End of Term 1