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Dear B Keary and Simone Connor,

Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag Award Assessment Feedback

Congratulations to everyone at Twynholm primary for achieving an amazing first Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag Award! I have very much enjoyed reading through your journey. You have worked really hard on your wide-ranging actions to make your school a more environmentally friendly place to be. Well done! Overall, you have done a fantastic job and are highly deserving of this Green Flag Award.

The Twynholm initiative group have worked extremely hard to communicate information, convey positive messages and support everyone at the school on so many wonderful initiatives. You have worked tirelessly to reduce waste and tackle littering in and around the campus. I really like how you equate the amount of food wasted with the equivalent school meals lost. This is a very powerful tangible concept which has clearly helped you to reduce food waste by a third. The wrapper free snacks idea is inspiring, and I like how you have made this a wee bit competitive with the Golden Fruit Bowl.

What a beautiful bee themed Eco-Code which serves as a reminder about all the things that are important to the school and all the achievements you have made on your green flag journey. What a lovely inspirational rendition of "Touch the sky". Congratulations on achieving your "Right respecting Schools" bronze award. This is a lovely scheme and a great topic to encourage everyone to think about others and how they can help to make positive changes. Thank you for watching our live lessons and for taking actions to make your school a tidier and safer place. The walk to school week must have been so much fun and what a brilliant effort tying this in with another successful community litter pick. How exciting it must be to have your own wormery which will soon be providing you with compost. These things definitely take time, but it will be worth the wait.

You have linked your activities in really nicely with the curriculum through a range of fun engaging practical activities which will provide new skills and lasting memories. Reducing the monthly cost of paper towels by over 50% is so impressive. Although you haven't reduced printer paper costs it sounds to me that valuable lessons have still been learned about reducing waste and recycling. You have raised so much money for incredible causes having lots of fun along the way helping others in these challenging times. Twynholm primary have clearly formed strong community links thanks to some wonderful initiatives. Growing your own food is brilliant but selling fruit at your Macmillan coffee morning is fantastic.

I think you will have no problem getting started with your next Green Flag journey. Keep up the great work, and a big congratulations again to Twynholm primary from everyone at Eco-Schools Scotland!

As you continue your Green Flag renewal journey, remember that you should plan to log on to the application site and start your new journey right away. After you have elected your new Eco-Committee, completed your Environmental Review, chosen three Topics (one of which must be Climate Action) and one UN Sustainable Development Goal, you will then submit your Draft Action Plan for approval before you begin work, ideally within three months of your last award date.

Please make sure that the three Topics you choose cover the same two-year period and that all three Topics are linked to your chosen UN Sustainable Development Goal. Do not forget to include all activities and ideas you have in your Action Plan to make sure they are all captured. With the online system we encourage you to upload as you go, in real time.

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

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