
Martlesham Primary Academy



Eco Council Newsletter



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Welcome to our new council!

I am sure you will join me in welcoming members old and new to the 2024/2025 MPA Eco council. This year we have Lyla as Chair, Jasper as Vice-Chair and joining them is Benjhie, Oscar, August and Austin. We look forward to having another super successful year in all things MPA Eco.



Wilder Schools

This year we will once more be working with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust as one of their 'Wilder schools'. We achieved so much last year with them it's super to have another year with them by our side.

Recycling Bins in school

We looked at the bins in school this September as one of our first jobs. We are hoping to add a 'soft plastics' bin to our recycling efforts as we could then recycle things such as packed lunch cling films, snack/crisp packets and carrier bags. I can deliver these to the soft plastics recycling cage at Tesco.

Green Flag

Now the building work is complete we can install our flagpole for our new Green Flag. I was very proud to be able to add our new 'Distinction' logo to this newsletter! I have shared the comments sent by the Green Flag committee as they were very positive about our school and we are very proud of our achievement. It takes time and commitment to apply for Green Flag status but with the support of my Eco and garden teams and the MPA staff we have not only achieved this for a second year but achieved a higher award. Thank you everyone.

That's all for now, have a wonderful half term holiday.

Mrs Garrod-Spall & The MPA Eco Council

Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

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Fantastic work!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Martlesham Primary Academy have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's fantastic that you have such a large Eco-Committee in your school, it shows that your pupils clearly care about our planet and all plants, animals, and insects that live on it. Completing the Environmental Review allowed your Eco-Committee to recognise the positive changes that your school has already made and gain an appreciation of the future impacts that they can create.

Your chosen projects in your Action Plan were based on children's ideas and the areas they are most passionate about. This approach places them at the heart of your Eco-Schools work and will lead to increased engagement. We enjoyed reading about your plans to make 'turn engines off' signs and to focus on recycling - this sounds like a great way to bring your school community together. Your Action Plan is varied and substantial, containing impactful activities for each of your 3 chosen Eco-Schools' topics. The three curriculum examples provided are great examples of environmental education, they are practical and fun with a real-life context that is very relevant to pupils in your school. The curriculum examples provided impressively expand on the projects in your Action Plan, providing pupils with a deeper understanding of the eco-activities they are delivering. We loved reading about your nature walk allowing pupils to observe the wildlife. Staff members in your school have creatively included environmental issues in their teaching, your pupils are fortunate to have teachers who plan such exceptional learning opportunities for them.

We loved seeing your Eco-Board. It's really visual and engaging and it's great to see your Eco-Committee celebrated! Your greatest success is a brilliant achievement. The awareness of Eco-issues within the school community has been a huge success for your school grounds! It's clearly something that pupils will be proud of and leaves a great legacy to build upon! We love your collaborative approach to creating an Eco-Code, this approach has allowed young people to take ownership and create a final code that will be treasured by everyone at your school! Thank you for your question suggestions for next year's Environmental Review, they're intelligent ideas that we will take into consideration when compiling next year's review. It was also wonderful to read you had supplemented your environmental learning with a field trip to your local river to learn about biodiversity – the day sounded brilliant!

It has been an absolute pleasure to read through your application, you are a wonderful ambassador for the Eco-Schools programme and we are delighted, without hesitation, to award you an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction, congratulations!