

# Hello from the Crawford Village Eco Committee and our latest bi-monthly newsletter!

## **Eco Schools Topics Vote**

Our Green Flag journey is continuing in earnest. Last half-term, Eco Committee delivered a whole school assembly to inform the children about the 10 different areas that we can focus on when working towards the award. They then organised and completed a vote for all children in Years 1 to 6 and staff who voted for their top 3 choices.

The results are in... our 3 focus topics for actions and projects this year will be:

### **School Grounds**

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Improving School Grounds for students, staff, plants, insects and animals.



## Litter

Reducing litter, which harms wildlife and costs millions to clear every year.



#### Water

Valuing and preserving our most important natural resource.







Next two months:

4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

World Wildlife Conservation

Day

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 World Soil Day

11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 International Mountain Day

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Penguin Awareness Day

Later in the year:

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 Hedgehog Day

16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 World Whale Day

27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 World Polar Bear Day

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 World Wildlife Day

30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 International Zero Waste Day

> 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 National Dolphin Day

> > 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 Earth Day

During Recycle Week, the Eco-Committee audited the general waste that the children produce on a daily basis and tested their knowledge on what could be recycled or not.

We discovered that there were a lot of misconceptions and, also, that the children were unsure which bins to put their recyclable items in. We have now purchased some new bins which are distinct from our standard bins to make it easier to recycle our paper and our Eco Committee and Club children have taken responsibility for monitoring the use of these.

Here is a handy reminder of what can and can't be recycled in our area...





## **Mock UN Climate Change Conference**

On Thursday 14th November 2024, four representatives from our Eco Committee attended a Mock UN Climate Change Conference at Rainford High School.

Prior to attending the conference, the children were allocated a country to represent - Egypt - and were tasked with researching how climate change has affected their country and creating a presentation about the country's sustainability goals.





# **School Grounds Update**

When the sun shone earlier this month, Year 3 & 4 took the opportunity to make a start on their project to update a designated area of the school grounds. They planted spring bulbs, rosemary and lavender and we can't wait to see an abundance of colour in the new year.

## **Daily Dose of Nature**

A daily dose of nature is good for us. It helps us feel less worried, boosts our mood and can help us concentrate.

The WWF has recently launched an initiative, A Prescription for Nature. We will be doing activities in school and you can visit the WWF website for lots of seasonal activity ideas and more.



# Can you help?

We want you to be involved!

Do you have any links to sustainability?

Could you inspire the next generation to consider a green career?

Do you have ideas for green projects?

Whether you have a big or a little idea, we welcome all help and would love for our wider school community to be involved in our sustainability journey. If you would like any further information, please contact Miss Sherrington.