



Eco – Committee News!



December 2022

The end of the last academic year saw our Eco – Committee submit evidence to the Eco – Schools assessors. They were thoroughly impressed and awarded us our second Green Flag award. We are very proud. Well done St Joseph's Eco – Committee 2021 – 2022.



September saw us forming a new committee for this academic year. We have completed a new Environmental Review and discovered which new topics we need to work on. This year we will focus on **Global Citizenship**, protecting the **Marine** environment and **Litter**. As usual, we will keep you up-to-date with our actions and what you can do to help, via our newsletter and the school website.

So, over to the Eco-Committee Reps to introduce themselves and suggest some Eco Top Tips for a low impact Christmas.

Year 1

My name is **Archie**. I am on the Eco - Committee because it is fun!

My name is **Poppy**. I like to look after the planet.

This Christmas we think we should all try recycling our wrapping paper and buying recycled wood and paper gifts.



Year 2

My name is **Jake** and I am in Year 2. I am on the Eco – Committee because it helps us to save the planet.

My name is **Bonnie** and I want to help the world.

This Christmas try making your own Christmas crackers without the plastic toys.



Year 3

My name is **Elliana**. I am an Eco Rep so I can help save the world properly.

My name is **Edward**. I want to save the planet and make it a good place to be.

To help the environment this Christmas, you could recycle your Christmas tree.





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Year 4

Hello we are **Nia** and **Megan**. We joined the eco-committee because we love nature and hate pollution and damage to the natural world.

This Christmas please recycle. You can also upcycle old decorations and try not to buy plastic toys that you don't need.



Year 5

My name is **Lillie – Star**. I love the world and I want to help it. My eco top-tip for Christmas is to try and avoid glitter. It's very pretty but is a damaging micro-plastic.

My name is **Elsie**. I am an Eco Rep because I want to try and put an end to climate change. My eco top-tip is to work out exactly how much you need to cook so that less goes to waste.



Year 6

Hello my name is **Gus**. I am one of the Year 6 Eco Reps this year so that I can help the school. To help the environment this Christmas, give animal products a miss and give vegan chocolate a go!

Hi, I am **Emily**. I wanted to join the Eco Committee so that I can share the reasons why we need to look after and care for our planet.

This Christmas, decorate plain wrapping paper and use recyclable ribbon instead of shiny wrapping paper which can't be recycled.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Longfield Hospice help you to recycle your tree by offering a Christmas tree collection service. The trees are chipped and turned into mulch for gardens and pathways.

Register for collection by Tuesday 3rd January:

<https://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree>

Did you know?

The carbon footprint of a 2m real tree that is felled from a forest and turned into wood chips, is 3.5kg of CO₂e. If the tree is sent to landfill, the carbon footprint increases to 16kg of CO₂e. The same size artificial tree has an estimated carbon footprint of 40kg of CO₂e. It must be used for more than 12 years to make it the greener option. (Carbontrust.com)

We wish you all a very merry, eco – friendly Christmas!

