**The Eco committee did a fantastic job again last year and their work enabled us to be awarded the Green Flag award again. This is the feedback that they were given….**

Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

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Fantastic work St Joseph’s!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's wonderful that you have appointed such an enthusiastic Eco-Committee, this shows your schools excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It was really great to read how your Environmental Review provided the basis for the projects in your Action Plan. It demonstrates a reflective and considered approach to your Eco-Schools work, this is a great skill that many adults can learn from! It was wonderful to see how completing your Environmental Review helped your Eco-Committee to spot gaps in your school's existing environmental activity. But equally important is that it helped you to recognise the great work that you were already doing. This helps to keep up the good activity whilst making you feel empowered to do different things. We love this! Your Action Plan was concise, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound) and clearly influenced by your environmental review. This is a great example of self-reflective practice, research-led planning and critical thinking. Good work! We’re really impressed at how you’ve linked environmental issues to a variety of curriculum areas. We have enjoyed hearing about how involved you have been with Keep Britain Tidy, RSPB, Earth Hour, The Urban Worm project, Tesco, LEAF and Frugi and Gloucestershire county council. We love that your pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates by opening up your garden. This is a very challenging aspect of the Eco-Schools programme, so your Eco-Committee should be very proud of their successes in this area! We are delighted to hear that your students have been busy recycling as part of the Eco-committee - well done! The parent quote is a great testament to the work that you are doing with your Eco-Committee, that they are taking their Eco-Schools work home with them and getting their families on board is something to be proud of! I hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievements, everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the changes they have made! Your Eco-Code is really descriptive and enjoyable to read. We loved seeing your Eco-noticeboard it’s really informative and eye catching– great effort! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!

As always THANK YOU very much for your hard work, we are so proud of all our schools and the collective achievements they have made to protect our planet for future generations. We look forward to working with St Joseph's Catholic Primary School again next academic year to help you expand on your eco-actions and successes of this year.

**The Eco-Schools Team**

Thank you so much Mrs Piper who leads the team and for the children, parents, staff and governors who support them. Their Zap incentive last term was really effective, it encouraged us all to turn our lights off when we left our rooms to save electricity. This year’s committee is soon to be formed and I look forward to hearing about your new ideas and to see what you achieve next year!