

Our Lady's Eco Newsletter

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We are pleased to announce that Our Lady's Eco Committee has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for future Eco-Schools projects.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Our Lady's it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from **Our Lady's Catholic Primary School** on **Friday 3rd March**. Please ensure your bag (or bags!) are at school before 9am on the 3rd March and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks in advance for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Eco Tip

Change your expensive chemical glass cleaner for a cheap and Eco-friendly one!

Simply spray your windows with white vinegar before wiping clean with crumpled up black and white newspaper (don't fold).

By Belle B

Pond Update

We cannot wait for our new pond to be encouraging wildlife into our school grounds!

Unfortunately, before we can build our pond, a new gate needs to be installed, which is taking longer than we than we hoped. This means that it is likely to be Easter time before the new gate is fitted and the summer term before we can get working on the pond.

Hopefully we will have some dates for the project in our next newsletter.

Eco Tip

Save banana peels to use as a fertiliser for your plants!

Method

1. Cut up banana peels and place in a large bowl or tub. Cover with water. ...
2. Soak for 2 to 3 days, allowing the minerals to extract. Then using a colander, strain into a bottle.
3. Use as is for your plants (no need to dilute). The soaked peels can be given to your worms or put in the compost. <https://www.cremajoe.com.au/blogs/news/how-to-make-banana-peel-fertiliser>

By Alicia N

If you have any ideas or are able to help us on our Eco journey in any way please speak to Mrs Gawne-Sheridan or the school office.

Thank you

Our Lady's Eco Committee