



Our Lady's Eco Newsletter



Spring-2 2023



A big thank you to everyone who brought in second hand clothes and accessories for our Bag 2 School collection at the beginning of March.

110kg of textiles were saved from landfill and £44 was raised for future Eco projects in our school.

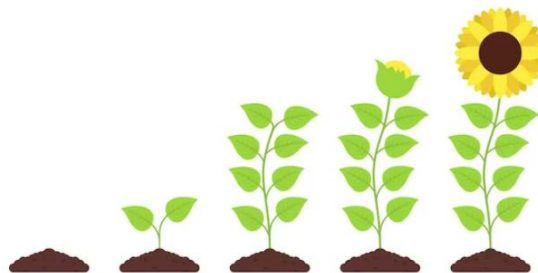
We hope to work with Bag 2 School again in the future and raise even more money to make environmentally friendly improvements to our school.

Growing Competition

The Eco Committee have organised a growing competition for our pupils and their families.

To get involved all you have to do is have a go at growing a plant at home. Just take a picture of your child planting a seed or seedling and one of them looking after it as it grows. Post the pictures on your child's Seesaw account before the closing date, and your child will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win some prizes.

The competition closes on Thursday 1st June and the draw will take place during Celebration Assembly on Friday 2nd June.



Eco Tip

Meat Free Monday!

Eating less meat is not only good for your pocket but is also good for environment.

Try going meat free every Monday.

The Meat Free Mondays website has lots of recipes to help you. It also give you an impact report to see how much you are helping the planet.

<https://meatfreemondays.com/>

Tip from Ava G

Pond Update!

We excited to let you know that the new access gate is almost complete and we can finally start to work towards building our school pond!

We will soon be asking for volunteers to help us to dig out and construct the pond area, so please keep a look out for dates on the school newsletter. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!

Donations Wanted

The children in our Reception class love to dress up, but unfortunately many of our dressing up costumes are old and falling apart.

They would be very grateful of any donations of dressing up costumes (age 4-6) your own children no longer use.

Grow Your Own

Now that Spring has arrived it's a great time to start growing your own food. The Royal Horticultural Society gives great monthly advice on growing your own fruit and Veg.

For example, did you know April is a great time to plant pot grown fruit trees? It's also a good time to sow seeds such as beetroot, carrots, Swiss chard, summer cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring and pickling onions, peas and perpetual spinach directly into well prepared soil. While indoors you can start to grow sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, celeriac, salads and globe artichokes.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own/in-month/april#:~:text=Sow%20seed%20outdoors%20for%20beetroot,%2C%20Hamburg%20parsley%2C%20or%20Oscorzonera.>

Donations Wanted

The Reception class would be very grateful for any donations of balance bikes and helmets in good condition.

Why balance bike? They are great for developing balance, coordination and core strength, which also helps to improve other skills such as handwriting.

As always, 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