

Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

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Fantastic work Kerry!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Baines' Endowed Primary School, A Church of England Academy have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

We love your open and inclusive approach to selecting Eco-Committee members and it's wonderful to that see that they span such a broad age spectrum. It's wonderful to see how your young people are at the helm of discussions and the lengths you have gone to in making their voice heard. This will engender in them a sense of responsibility for and ownership of their work and provide them with opportunities to develop invaluable and transferable life skills.

It's wonderful to read how completing your Environmental Review prompted discussion, raising your members' awareness of all the different ways they can make a difference outside recycling! We also love how it helped your Eco-Committee to spot gaps in your school's existing environmental activity – but equally important is that it highlighted the brilliant work you had already done to support the biodiversity of your school grounds.

Your Action Plan was concise and its targets SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound). We love your ambition in tackling areas where you scored lowest in the Environmental Review. This shows you have a confident Eco-Committee committed to maximising their impacts.

It's wonderful to read that you have embedded environmental topics into your curriculum that align not only with your Action Plan foci but also with your Christian values. It was great to see how your topics had been delivered across a broad range of subjects and we love how you have used literature as a vehicle for your

environmental education provision. You've clearly looked externally and engaged with myriad campaigns and organisations that reflect your community and global spirit.

We loved reading how pupils worked to reduce waste with a school in School Africa as part of your Climate Change week – this is a great example of the collaborative approach we will all need to adopt to combat climate change - your application made us feel really positive for the future.

We love the 'always' ethos of your colourful and punchy Eco-Code that reflects your ongoing commitment to your Eco-Schools work. It outlines actions that all staff and pupils can get behind, and is a reminder of how, collectively, those small changes can have a big positive impact!

Your achievements this year have been fantastic, and your parent quote is testament to how your Eco-Schools work has instilled confidence in your pupils and empowered them to carry the eco-message beyond the school gates into their homes and communities.

We have no doubt that the way you are guiding pupils along their path to becoming curious and compassionate young eco-citizens must be an immense source of pride for you all at Baines' Endowed Primary School.

Congratulations on earning your Green Flag with Merit accreditation!

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 Baines' Endowed Primary School, A Church of England Academy again next academic year to help you expand on your eco-actions and successes of this year.

Have a great summer break,

The Eco-Schools Team

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