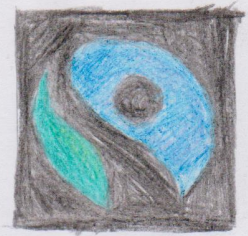


St Peter's School Green Success



On Thursday 27th April a lady called Lilian Stewart, an assessor from Eco Schools, came to visit St Peter's in order to see what Eco activities we have been doing so that we can renew our Green Flag status. We have held this award for six years and it is renewed every two years.

First of all, the Eco Team discussed with Lilian the seven topics that we have been covering. These are Biodiversity, Energy, Waste, Healthy Living, School Grounds, Litter and Global Citizenship.

We then took her on a journey around the school grounds to present what we have done. We started off at the Wildflower Area where she exclaimed that our bug hotels were "luxury, better than any she had ever seen."

Next, we showed her the Awe & Wonder Boxes and explained that we have these in school to celebrate God's Creation. We told her that this month we are focussing on potatoes. She was intrigued with the Fact Sheet and Prayers and enjoyed reading them. We then went on to show her our allotment area and raised beds, where we were growing broad beans, strawberries and fruit trees. She was also impressed with our compost area including our leaf mould.

We then highlighted our sedum roof which is covered in plants used to feed bees and butterflies as they find it a good source of nectar.

Next we showed her our two camouflaged hedgehog houses and finally she visited our hens, Goldie and Emma, who greeted her eagerly.

Once our outside tour had finished, we then gave her a tour of inside school and took her to various classrooms to present her with the Eco work we have done.

She looked at our Eco Noticeboard and was very interested in learning about a boy called Chimwenwe who lives in Malawi, whom we sponsor through World Vision.

During the visit Lilian asked the Eco Team lots of questions which we managed to answer well.

Mrs Lister and Mrs Peacock then showed Lilian the evidence files that we have made to help us gain the award. These contain all the work we have done over the past two years in order to support our Green Flag renewal.

Lilian then left and told us that she would be writing a report on what she had seen and heard.

Then later on in the afternoon, we received a phone call from Eco Schools telling us that we had met the criteria and gained the Green Flag. They said that "your award is well deserved and reflects all the hard work you have done." We were elated!

Well done to everyone involved.

The Eco Team

