

Eco Club News July 2020



Since September 2019 we have been working towards obtaining the Green Flag Award from Eco Schools. We have set up an eco-committee comprising staff and students from each year group. We meet once a half term as well as at other times for special projects.

The students completed an environmental review of the school and decided to focus, initially, on litter, marine and waste as our topic areas.

So far, we have achieved the Bronze Award and are close to achieving Silver. Once back at school we will then work towards the green flag assessment.

Before lockdown, staff and students had carried out litter picks on the school site and had just ordered new litter pickers! We had also set up a crochet club, and with left over wool donated by staff 10 students and 5 staff learnt how to crochet. We made flower brooches that we sold to raise money for the club and then a blanket that is now finished and waiting to be donated to a care home.



So, what is next for eco-club and how can we help? I hear you asking!! As a school looking to reduce waste, we have two projects in the pipeline.

The Crisp Packet Project. Groups of volunteers around the country are turning crisp packets into bivvy bags for homeless people so during lockdown eco-club have been collecting crisp packets that we open, wash and dry ready to post to the charity once back at school.



Do your bit. If you'd like to help, we need silver lined crisp packets so you could collect them and then bring them into school when school is fully open.

Clothes collection. We are hoping to organise a collection of old but clean and good quality clothes so we can raise funds for eco-club.

Do your bit. Over the summer if you are having a clear out at home you could put to one side clothes you no longer want to then bring them into school when school is fully open.

We also now have an Astley Community High School 'easyfundraising' page. If you use this website or app to access sites like Amazon then the school eco-club gets a small donation each time you buy something. It costs you nothing and is an easy way for you to help.

Do your bit. Click on the link to register and then either use the website or download the app for easy fundraising: [Easy Fundraising](#)

We are also hoping to start work with the Seghill Nature Reserve at some point soon. We hope students will be able to help with maintenance and that classes may be able to use it for field work in the future.

