



# Eco Champions

*Saving the planet... one step at a time!*



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## The story so far...

We began this year with a dream—a dream to be a more eco-friendly school. We have two members from Classes 1-6 and we meet every Monday lunch with Mrs Walton.

So far, we have looked at an eco-friendly Christmas; we completed our own reviews based on certain areas (environment, litter, biodiversity, transport and marine life—including school dinners).

Our target in 2020 is to achieve the bronze flag for being an eco school and to have recycled plenty of materials including crisp packets. *Report by Yasmin.*

## Crisp Box Challenge

The crisp packets are all going into a box which we will then be giving to someone who can recycle them for us. We have just started doing this and the box is nearly full! That's so much! This is a good thing because if the packets get blown into the sea, animals will die. We will continue to collect crisp packets at lunch. *Report by Jed.*



Nottingham has the cleanest city air in the UK according to a national survey—this is great news. Read the post [HERE](#). Link on the Eco page on our website.



## TOP TIPS FOR A GREENER CHRISTMAS!!

**CARDS & WRAPPING:** avoid metallic/shiny paper and glitter (it's a *microplastic* and means the card can't be recycled), wrap using brown paper and string or a reusable scarf! Send home-made or personalised e-cards.

**GIFTS:** avoid companies that aren't eco-friendly, and instead choose: less packaging, organic cosmetics and clothing, locally manufactured items, edible, free/pre-loved, an experience, make a pledge to your loved one, charitable donation e.g. sponsor an endangered animal...

**TREES:** keep your artificial ones as long as possible, rent a tree!, grow your own, if buying a real one make it FSC-certified and recycle it after the festivities.

**TRAVEL:** enjoy time with friends and family, try to reduce your car use even if for just 1 journey. Take a walk or use the bus / train instead

**8 million Christmas trees are bought in the UK each year.**  
**1.5 billion Christmas cards are thrown away by UK households each year!**

**'Shine like stars' Philippians 2:15**

## Thoughts of the Eco Champions

Put rubbish in the bin because it is not good for Santa on his sleigh! *Mia*

Instead of using ribbon on your presents, you can use string. *Kaye*

Try not to use too much glitter at Christmas as it is plastic and damaging to the environment. *Kaye*

## LINKS

Ecosia—a search engine that plants trees with the money made from referring sites to your search. Doesn't cost the searcher anything. Take a look: <https://info.ecosia.org/what>

Eco Schools—we have a long-term aim of going for a **GREEN FLAG** award. Bronze comes first, then silver. We are in the process of acquiring our bronze flag. Have a read for more information: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

We are currently working with **Terracycle** on how we can slowly but surely start to make a difference. One of the ways we can do this is by being a 'drop-off' centre for certain plastics (see image below). Please make sure these are clean and that you deposit them in the box in the main entrance. You'll be able to do this starting in January. Did you know that by doing this, we are recycling these products and raising money for our school so we can go on and use the money to make more of a difference elsewhere!



## Eco Wordsearch

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## Eco Champions

Fraser, Martha, Mia, Archie, Lois, Oliver, Ollie, Coco, Jed, Kaye, Samantha & Yasmin—led by Mrs Walton.

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Also, use our **Class Dojo**.



Can you find all the eco words in our wordsearch?

*Designed by Ollie & Coco*

**VEGETABLES, RECYCLE, HEALTHY, FRIENDLY, GREENER, WORLD, RUBBISH, WILDLIFE, TEAM, ECO**

