



School News from Copley Junior School



The Green Team at Copley Junior School

At Copley Junior, we are keen to develop environmental awareness as part of our creative curriculum delivery.

Our Eco Council call themselves the '**Green Team**'. Led with great enthusiasm by Miss Walker, our Eco Council aim to develop environmental awareness across our school community and to care for and develop our local environment.

In September children are invited to apply for the role of Eco Council member and, following a class vote, two children from each class are democratically elected by their peers.

The Green Team have been busy this school year with a number of initiatives:

Eco Council Competition

We had over 80 fantastic entries for the Green Team's energy saving competition to mark 'Switch Off Fortnight'. The Green Team met with Miss Walker to judge the entries and it was a very difficult task as so many creative entries were sent in. The children's task was to design an **energy saving mascot** for Copley Junior School, to help encourage children to look after our planet and save energy.

Well done to our winners in the photograph below who were awarded eco-friendly prizes that included drawing pads made from recycled paper, crayons made from recycled CD cases and pencil cases made out of recycled tyres!



Well done to Grace L who designed the winning logo.



Green Team Eco-Code

Our Green Team researched eco-codes and decided to devise their own. The children decided they would like to make our Eco-Code eye-catching by writing it as an acrostic poem! The Eco-Code has been shared with all the classes and is displayed on our Eco Council notice board.



Eco-Schools Bronze Award

Congratulations to our enthusiastic Green Team, as they have achieved the **National Eco-Schools Bronze Award**. As a result of the development work we have undertaken, we have met the criteria for the Bronze Eco-Schools Award. Well done to everyone in the Green Team!



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Architecture Competition Winners - Design a New Eco-Friendly Building for Doncaster

We were successful in our application for our Green Team to take part in Doncaster's Architecture Competition led by Doncaster Civic Trust and supported by a group of students studying for their Masters Degree in Architecture at Sheffield University.

The students visited our school and met with the Eco-Council to help the children develop their creative design for a new eco-friendly building in Doncaster. The students inspired the children greatly and the Eco-Council enjoyed developing their plans and their own creative design skills.



We were very excited to learn that out of all the schools in Doncaster that entered we had won **1st prize** and that our prize was £500! We have spent our prize money on resources to support the children in producing more fantastic design work and also to fund an individual eco-friendly themed prize for each of the Green Team members.

We look forward to sharing more of our school news soon.

Best wishes
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher