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Mr John Finlayson
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Dear Mr Finlayson, Mrs Flora Macdougall, pupils, staff and parents,

Eco-Schools 2012 – Eco-Schools Green Flag Award status

Congratulations! Further to our telephone call, I am delighted to confirm that your school has successfully renewed Eco-Schools Green Flag Award status. This is an excellent achievement, so please pass on our congratulations to everyone involved.

Assessment Report

Enclosed is a personalised post-Assessment report from the Assessor who visited your school. Please ensure that you read this carefully. We will expect any recommendations outlined in this report to have been addressed in full by the time you apply to renew your Award status.

Renewing Your Green Flag Award Status

As you know, your Green Flag Award status is valid for a period of two years and you must then apply to renew it. We will be looking for evidence of in-depth study of another two of the Ten Eco-Schools topics, as well as the mandatory Litter Topic. We will also be looking for evidence that the Seven Elements of the Eco-Schools process are still being implemented to the required standard.

You can find full details of these requirements on our website at www.ecoschoolsscotland.org. If you have not already done so, please be sure to read the Guidelines for renewing your Green Flag Award; in particular the information regarding choice of topics.

Please thank everyone involved in your Eco-Schools work. We suggest that you write to your local MSP and the local press to make them aware of your achievement. We will inform the local authority education department about your success, and a copy of the Assessment Report will be sent to them.

Your Eco-Schools Green Flag and Certificate are enclosed. Please remember that your Green Flag is not indestructible! If you fly your flag outside, every day in all weathers, it may only last ~6 months. We've enclosed a Flag Care Flyer which may be of use.

If you have any queries about the Green Flag Award, please do not hesitate to contact the Eco-Schools Scotland team on 01786 468234 or e-mail them at ecoschools@ksbscotland.org.uk.

Congratulations once again and keep up the fantastic work!

Yours sincerely,

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Post-Assessment Report Form For: Portree Primary School
Blaven Road, IV51 9PH
Highland

Lead Assessor: Paula Love

Date of Assessment: 17 January 2013

Overview

I sensed a warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere in Portree Primary and was delighted to see that you had maintained steady progress from your previous Award, as well as having sound ideas for the future. In so doing, you have involved families, your community, business partners and environmental agencies. These links have allowed your children to grow in confidence and expertise. In addition, you have integrated the Eco-Schools' Programme most thoroughly with all the super curricular work going on in class and with the school calendar via events such as your Day for Change and UNICEF Climate Change event. Out of doors, I was pleased to see that your grounds were litter-free and well-maintained and that you were working hard to develop your outside space as a resource for recreation and outdoor learning. Well done, everyone and keep up this fantastic effort!

Recommendations

Please pay particular attention to the recommendations - if any - outlined in the sections below. We will expect any recommendations outlined in this report to have been addressed in full by the time you apply to renew your Award status.

Eco Committee Recommendations

No recommendations

Environmental Review Recommendations

Please display your collated Environmental Review document on your notice board.

Action Plan Recommendations

Your Action Plan should include specific targets as well as listing individual action points

Monitoring and Evaluation Recommendations

Ensure that you carry out and display at least one piece of monitoring and evaluation evidence per topic covered

Ensure evidence of monitoring and evaluation is publicly displayed on your Eco-Schools noticeboard

Linking to the Curriculum Recommendations

Have a look at the CfE mapping materials on our website to help extend the links between the Eco-Schools Programme and your curricular work

Involving the Whole School and Wider Community Recommendations

Consider undertaking a joint activity (e.g. a litter pick, beach clean or planting activity) with another school or community group

Eco Code Recommendations

No recommendations

Litter Recommendations

No recommendations

Suggestions

The following are suggestions that you may wish to consider, depending on the time and resources available to you. please note that they are NOT recommendations that need to be met by the time of your next Green Flag renewal but merely ideas that we think you may find useful.

No suggestions