



Eco Club News

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St. Mary's CBGS Eco Club Newsletter

New members are always welcome!
Come along to E12 at 12:30 / 1:10 on Wednesdays to find out more.

Recycling Bins

- There are now 19 recycling bins in assorted classrooms around the school.
- These are emptied once a week by the Eco team.
- Empty plastic bottles without lids & dry paper should be placed in these bins.
- **PLEASE USE THEM!**

Plans for Term 2

- * We are hoping to run our annual litter pick on the Glen Road. We did this last year in spring and it was very successful. It was greatly appreciated by local people & businesses.
- * We hope to carry out a biodiversity audit of the school grounds. The aim of this is to produce a plan on how we can support the plants & animals in our school ecosystem.



LITTER CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

December we decided to run a Litter Christmas Tree competition in Key Stage 3. The aims of the competition was to encourage pupils to look at litter in a different way & encourage creativity & teamwork. The prizes included a queue skip for the school tuck shop at either break or lunch time. Also the winning class received 3 boxes of sweets to share.

Thanks to all classes who took part you clearly spent a lot of time on your trees and showed great imagination in your designs. The winners were 8A and 9A. The runners up were 8B and 9G.

We hope to run the competition next year with an earlier start date to allow more time to design and build the trees.

GARDENERS AT WORK!

In September the Eco Club started its gardening project with Ballydown Housing on the Glen Rd. Boys from the Eco Club visited the residents and helped with the planting of flowers in newly purchased window boxes. They were rewarded for their hard work with juice and biscuits. The boys hope to return in February when they will be helping with the planting of vegetables in raised beds that have been constructed by Choice Housing, the company that runs the complex. Gardening experts are still needed to help!

ADOPT A SPOT COLIN GLEN

In term one the Eco Club visited the Colin Glen Forest Park as part of our Adopt A Spot campaign. This is now in its second year and involves the Eco Club committing to regular litter picks in the park. This year we concentrated on the area around Mela Lake. We collected 6 large bags of rubbish.

Hopefully we will be back in Colin Glen in term 3 for another litter pick with the help of year 8s.

