

# ROUNDHILL ECO NEWSLETTER



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I am delighted to write to say what a brilliant start to the year the Eco Committee has had. If you are new to school, as well as teaching Geography I am the Schools Eco Lead and support a student led committee to try and make our school more sustainable.

This term it has been great to see both old and new members of the committee meeting regularly. The eco committee have decided to focus on three aims this year with the hope that we will be able to get the green flag awarded by Eco Schools next summer. The committee have decided to focus on:



**Biodiversity**  
**Energy**  
**Waste**

The students have made a great start to our Bug Hotel which students designed in the summer term with Miss Poultney. The students have been great working together and using their DT skills. We also have plenty of other ideas for when this has finished for example sourcing old tyres to use as planters and creating bird feeders to try and increase the biodiversity of wildlife in school.



One of the most interesting tasks the committee have started doing is an energy survey. Students have patrolled around school to see which classrooms have had lights and projectors left on with no one in the classroom. The committee are very passionate about not wasting energy and trying to reduce the schools carbon emissions.

There is still plenty we can do as a school community.

### **Reusable water bottles**

School had a new bigger water fountain installed in the main hall during the summer and we are encouraging all students to bring a reusable water bottle to try and reduce plastic waste. If students do need to bring in or buy a water bottle then we have a new scheme starting after half term. Students are going to be able to recycle their plastic bottles in new recyclable bins in the main hall. Students must make sure it is just plastic bottles in these bins and then they go be recycled instead of being thrown into normal rubbish bins and taken to landfill.

We also have a plastic lid recycling scheme set up in the hall. Bottle tops can be recycled separately to bottles. Once we fill the container the bottle tops will be taken to be recycled and the money donated to Dove Cottage Hospice. If you have any lids that can be recycled from home, please do ask students to bring them in to recycle at school.

If you have any ideas or resources you think may help our school in either the allotment or generally with sustainability please do get in touch. Please remind students that they can join the Eco Committee after half term even if they have not been part of it this term. We meet every Tuesday evening in humanities 1 until 4pm. Our next meeting is going to be Tuesday 5th November. I hope everyone has a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing students when we return.

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