



*Fantastic work!*

*We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Meadows First School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.*

*We reviewed your application and noted the following:*

*What a great opportunity you have taken to be part of Eco-Schools. And what a fantastic start to your journey. You have a large Eco-Committee comprising of 16 energetic students who are supported by 3 equally energetic adults. We were impressed to read your application form - the children put their heart*

*into these. The committee was formed through a democratic vote, and we congratulate all the successful candidates. It is wonderful to read that young people in your school took responsibility for recording minutes from your Eco-Committee meetings. This shows that they are taking a lead on environmental action in your setting, exactly as the Eco-Schools framework intends. It's great to read that you recognise the benefits of taking minutes. When it came to completing the Environmental Review - you took the whole school approach which is admirable. You ensured that every class and every child had a voice. This is collaboration at its finest. Completing the Environmental Review allowed your Eco-Committee to recognise the positive changes that your school has already made and gain an appreciation of the future impacts that they can create. We noted that there were few pupil comments on your completed Environmental Review. This is a shame as we would have loved to gain an insight into the rich discussion that took place whilst it was being conducted. For you - the Action Plan is doing exactly as it was intended to do. It is a working document that is continually adapted throughout the year. The projects and learning experiences are fun, memorable, and engaging. When we watched the video about the crisp packet challenge - we were moved - what a wonderful project to be part of. It's clear that when deciding on an Action Plan your Eco-Committee carefully considered how they could actively engage their entire school community in their Eco-Schools' projects, this is a real strength of your application! Throughout your application, you have been outstanding. And*

your curriculum links are no different. The links you have provided show a cross-section of your work over different year groups and topics. We greatly appreciate your creativity in addressing environmental issues within your learning. It's obviously not just about covering these topics in your curriculum; you're using them to enhance the overall learning experience in your school. We especially enjoyed seeing the fantastic examples of pupil's work that were uploaded to your application. These examples really illustrate how learning with an environmental context can lead to fantastic outcomes. The board displaying the letters to the Minister of the Environment is creative and eye-catching and the quality of the letters is marvellous. The Eco-Group have used a variety of methods to keep their school updated on their Eco-Schools work, including formal and informal devices. Whether it is newsletters or emails. Eco-Boards or posters, you have made a massive effort to communicate your work. Next year, we encourage your Eco-Committee to consider delivering an assembly to schoolmates. Their passion can be used to inspire others and the experience will help them to develop new skills that they can use to raise awareness and fight climate change in the future. You have worked with a very impressive array of different groups and organisations this academic year, we especially enjoyed learning about your work with the crisp packet challenge. One suggestion we would make is to really keep your Eco-Board updated - use it as a platform to celebrate your Eco-Committee's achievements! Your beautifully designed Eco-Code delivers a powerful message. Kudos to your Eco-Committee for their collaborative effort! We have loved every minute of your application. There are so many highlights throughout your application, it has been an absolute joy to assess. Thank you so much for your hard work and congratulations on achieving an Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Distinction.

## WHAT NEXT?

If you have already paid for your Eco-Schools Green Flag assessment and accreditation, or you are being covered by a Payment Partner, your award will be making its way to you soon, along with a link to a digital awards pack containing further rewards.

If you have not already paid, please reference the invoice that you received shortly after submitting your application. To make payment you will need to quote your Ministry ID number - Mea9694 This is also noted on your invoice as 'Bill-to Customer No.'

In order to be recognised as an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award winner, you must pay for the cost of assessment and accreditation.

We recommend paying via card at

<https://keepbritaintidy.enthuse.com/payments#!/> If you choose to pay by card, please make the payment total £240 (the cost of the flag plus VAT) and when adding to the 'Message' field, include the following information:

- The name of your school
- Your school's postcode
- Your school's ministry ID number
- The invoice number (shown on the invoice that you receive)
- Text stating: 'Eco-Schools Green Flag payment'

If you are using a different payment method, please also add the above information to any notes.

As always THANK YOU very much for your hard work, we are so proud of all our schools and the collective achievements they have made to protect our planet for future generations. We look forward to working with Meadows First School again next academic year to help you expand on your eco-actions and successes of this year.

Have a great summer break,

The Eco-Schools Team