

18 June 2014

Mrs Gilly Innes
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TD6 9SB

Dear Mrs Innes, Mrs Jill Robertson, pupils, staff and parents,

Eco-Schools 2013 – Eco-Schools Green Flag Award status

Congratulations! Further to our telephone call, I am delighted to confirm that your school has successfully achieved 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.

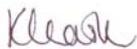
Please thank everyone involved in your Eco-Schools work. We suggest that you write to your local MSP and the local press to make them aware of your achievement. We will inform the local authority education department about your success, and a copy of the Assessment Report will be sent to them.

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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Eco-Schools Scotland

Post-Assessment Report Form For: Melrose Primary School
Huntly Road, TD6 9SB
Scottish Borders

Lead Assessor: Alastair Davidson

Date of Assessment: 29 May 2014

Overview

I was extremely impressed with this First Green Flag assessment visit for Melrose Primary School. It was clear that this has been a progression of many years of work. In taking your time to get things right you achieve Green Flag status with an excellent system in place and whole school approach where pupils are taking action on and learning about environmental issues such as climate change. The pupils representing the Eco and other committees across the school did a fantastic job of sharing their work with me. I was really impressed by the group and it was great to hear about the way that the various committees work together to improve the school, local community and help those less fortunate. As well as the committees working together the whole school was well aware of Eco-Schools activities taking place across the school. I enjoyed the tour of the school and grounds and was happy to see that the existing areas around the school were well designed and used for outdoor learning. The areas of new development were really exciting and I was happy to hear of the level of decision making that the pupils had been involved in. Visiting the different classes was extremely important as I could see how well the award had been integrated into the curriculum. I was extremely impressed with the presentation on travel and this class project covered nearly all of the Eco-School 7 elements. In fact, the 7 elements were covered well across all topics. I was pleased to hear that pupils were joining community committees and exploring the local area to complete their John Muir Award. An excellent first Green Flag, we look forward to hearing how you have progressed in two years time.

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

No recommendations

Action Plan Recommendations

Consider displaying a child-friendly version of your Action Plan (e.g. an Action Tree with branches representing different action areas and leaves added to represent action points) alongside your formal document

Monitoring and Evaluation Recommendations

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

Linking to the Curriculum Recommendations

No recommendations

Involving the Whole School and Wider Community Recommendations

No recommendations

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.

It would be great to add to your community credentials by taking part in a local litter pick. It seems that you are tackling litter at school well so it may be a good time to approach it as a local problem.