

## Eco Reps – Newsletter December 2011

### Our Successes

We are very pleased to announce that Frampton CE Primary School has been awarded its second Green Flag. This is in recognition of all the hard work everyone has put in. Some of the things that we are proud of include

- We recycle paper in every class and around the school, we have also introduced recycling for card, glass and batteries
- We have cut down on photocopying with the school using the website, e mails and texts to communicate information
- We think before we print and only use colour when necessary
- We have cut our energy bills by 15%
- We have grown produce in the gardens which have been used by the school kitchens, in classes and also sold to parents
- We have placed hedgehog houses, bat boxes and are feeding birds to encourage wildlife to our school
- We have planted a mini orchard, growing apples
- Have a log circle on our playing field

The hard work does not stop here and our new Eco Team have met to decide on the main actions for the next two years.

### Our Eco Warriors are

Sophie, Eliza, Alex, Katie, Callum, Esme, Molly, Poppy, Archie, Oscar, Chloe, Ru, Isabella, Louie and Millie

### Our new projects

In order to work towards our next Green Flag the Eco Warriors have met to discuss ways to move forward. We are pleased that

1. The new windows for classes 3,4,6 and 10 are super efficient, helping to keep the heat in during winter time and hopefully reducing our energy bills even more

2. We are on a campaign to stop water being wasted, by reminding everyone to switch off taps when they have finished washing their hands
3. We have introduced a plastic recycling bin in the playground
4. To use eco monitors around school to make sure lights and projectors are turned off.

### Our major project

The Eco warriors have decided that are major project next year should be Wildlife. We are looking at ways to promote wildlife in our school, through further developing our wildlife area. In order to involve the whole school we have launched a competition to design a wildlife area – details given out in our Eco assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is going to be a major project over the next two years. Look at the following websites for ideas...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/live-n-deadly> (see things to do section)

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/youth/>

<http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/>

<http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/>

<http://www.wildlifegardener.co.uk/KidsWildlifeCategory.html>

The aim is to provide a wildlife area is that secure, yet accessible for class lessons. We will need to think carefully about what we include and which wildlife we want to encourage. If any parents or friends have any expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you.

The Eco reps meet regularly to update on progress and are continually looking at ways to ensure that we are becoming more eco friendly.