Eco Schools Progress

At St Peter’s R.C. High School,
Manchester, M12 4WB

This presentation was delivered to our school governors by our Year 10 eco committee on 23rd January 2019. It will also be presented at the MEEN Intergenerational Climate Conference on 22nd March 2019.
Eco-Schools is a **global programme** engaging 52,000 schools and 19.5 million children across 67 countries, making it the largest educational programme on the planet.

- It aims to inspire the next generation and make a significant environmental difference by engaging the whole school community to take action around 10 Eco Schools themes.

- There are 3 award levels: Bronze, Silver and Green Flag, that our school can achieve. We are aiming to achieve the Bronze Award.
Introduction

• Eco Schools links with our Catholic ethos of Stewardship and supports Pope Francis’ Encyclical, “Laudato Si” (Praise Be To You) On The Care Of Our Common Home.

• Our Eco Schools Committee meets every Tuesday lunchtime. Having regular meetings helps to keep up our momentum and make regular progress.

• We have two Eco Teams: Key Stages 3 & 4 to coincide with our different lunchtimes.
First 3 themes we are focusing on for our Bronze Award:

1. Litter / Waste
2. Communication
3. Energy / Climate
4. Building & schoolgrounds
5. Greenery
6. Hygiene
7. Mobility / Transport
8. Safety & security
9. Food
10. Water
Eco Schools in St Peter's

Timeline:

• April 2018 – Eco Schools Committee set up.
• July 2018 – Completed our first whole-school audit
• September – We received 6 weeks of training to become Environmental Educators from Raichael Lock at MEEN (Manchester Environmental Education Network)
• We ran a full afternoon primary transition workshop with Key Stage 2 pupils from St Richard’s RC Primary
• October – created our first Eco schools action plan
• November – lead Switch Off Fortnight
• January 2019 – Key Stage 3 pupils measured school building with a view to capturing rainfall.
• March - planted 8 trees in the playground and distributed 40 potted plants to classrooms
AT WE STILL PLAN TO DO THIS YEAR

- To achieve the Eco Schools Bronze Award
- Attend the MEEN Intergenerational Climate conference on 22\textsuperscript{nd} March 2019
- To attend the Mayor’s Climate Conference on the 25\textsuperscript{th} March 2019 and run climate education game with adults
- To get involved in the Big School Clean Up – assemblies and litter picks
- To increase biodiversity in our schools – train our form eco reps to look after the plants around school
- To install rainwater catchment to reduce the cost of watering our horticulture plants
- To reduce our electricity use and save money through energy efficiency
- To create a team of energy monitors to identify ‘hot spots’ where energy waste can be reduced fastest.
- To design and distribute recycling posters for every room in school – so the recycling system is used properly