

Environmental Review

This is the printable version of the Eco-Schools Environmental Review. You and your Eco-Committee can print out a copy, walk around your grounds and note your findings and ideas with a pen. You can then scan this as single PDF document and upload it to the Eco-Schools application form.

This year's Environmental Review has been divided into two sections, in the Eco-Coordinator section (on the first page of every topic) is questions for staff members to answer, in the Eco-Committee section (on the second page of each topic) is questions for children to answer.

Give yourself a tick for every yes answer and a cross for every no.

To calculate your score for every topic, simply count the number of ticks from both sections.

If you are unable to answer a question, leave it blank this will not affect your Eco-Schools Green Flag application.

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Add Name & Age of Eco-Committee Members

Aria - 6

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Leo - 6

Finn - 5

Anna - 5

Nancy - 5



Biodiversity

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- 01 Do your school or nursery grounds have dedicated wildflower, meadow or rewilding areas?
- 02 Are plants in your school or nursery chosen specifically to support biodiversity?
- 03 Do you ever send advice on supporting biodiversity to children's families, for example instructions for making bug hotels?
- 04 Does your school or nursery sponsor any endangered animals or support any conservation schemes?
- 05 Has your school or nursery organised a trip to a nature reserve or other wildlife area in the previous 12 months?

Eco-Committee Fact

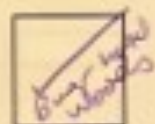


Honeybees have a dance move called the 'waggle dance'. It helps them tell other bees where food is – could you do a waggle dance at lunchtime today?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Does your school or nursery provide homes for insects to live in?



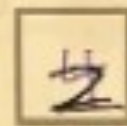
02 Does your school or nursery provide homes, or food, for wild animals like birds, bats and hedgehogs?



03 Does your school or nursery have a (safe) pond or mini-pond to provide water for animals and insects?



Total Score



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Energy

Eco-Coordinator Questions

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01 Does your school or nursery have any renewable energy sources on site (solar panels, wind turbine, heat pump etc.), or if not do you purchase energy from a renewable energy supplier?

02 Are windows kept free of displays and blinds drawn back in the daytime to maximise natural light?

03 Does your school or nursery use an eco-setting on the washing machine and allow items to dry naturally when possible?

04 Does your school or nursery have a smart meter?

05 Do you use any energy-saving equipment like electronic timers or motion-sensing lights?

Eco-Committee Fact



Wind is UK's best renewable energy producer – have you ever seen a wind turbine?



Eco-Committee Questions

- ✓ ×
- 01 Do you tell adults to turn the lights off when no one is in the room?
- 02 Have you ever had a nursery or school no electricity day?
- 03 Can you spot any signs or posters reminding people to turn lights off when not in use?
- Total Score

Ideas & Thoughts

Cedar - apple
Oak - pear
Chestnut - cherry
Beech - apple



Global Citizenship

Eco-Coordinator Questions

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01 Does your school or nursery celebrate diversity by organising events and education around religious/cultural holidays or events like Black History Month and Pride?

02 Does your school or nursery's displays, books, equipment, learning and food menu celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity?

03 Does your school or nursery include learning opportunities related to the Sustainable Development Goals?

04 Are the tea, coffee and biscuits in your school or nursery Fair Trade?

05 Have you organised a Fair Trade cake sale or coffee morning for families (or any similar event) in the last twelve months?

Eco-Committee Fact



There are 7.753 billion people on planet Earth, so it's really important to be kind to one another and work together – can you do a kind act for someone today?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Has your school or nursery ever collected food to give to people who need it more?

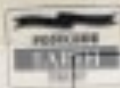
02 Ask a staff member in your school or nursery kitchen can they show you something with a Fair Trade logo on?

03 Can any members of the Eco-Committee say, 'Hello' in a language other than English?

Total Score

2+

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Healthy Living

Eco-Coordinator Questions

01 Does your school or nursery kitchen ever use plants grown on site as ingredients in meals? ✓ X

02 Does your school or nursery have regular meat-free days? X

03 Does your school or nursery source food from local suppliers? X

04 Do your children get 3 of their 5 a day at school or nursery? X

05 Does your school or nursery have a sensory garden, or other natural area, that children can spend quiet time in and relax? X

Eco-Committee Fact



Strawberries are our countries favourite fruit – what is your favourite fruit?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Does your school or nursery grow fruit and vegetables?

02 Do you eat fruit in school or nursery every day?

03 Do you run, jump, hop, skip, dance and sing every day in your school or nursery?

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Litter

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- _____ ✓ ✕
- 01 Have children and staff members completed a litter-pick in the last twelve months?
- 02 Have parents/guardians and families been invited to a litter-pick organised by your school or nursery in the last twelve months?
- 03 Did your school or nursery participate in Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean in 2022?
- 04 Is the area immediately surrounding your school or nursery free from litter?
- 05 Does your school or nursery have enough bins and are they emptied regularly?

Eco-Committee Fact



Did you know that litter can hurt animals? What should you do with a piece of litter?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Does your school or nursery have litter-pickers?

02 Have you ever been on a litter-pick?

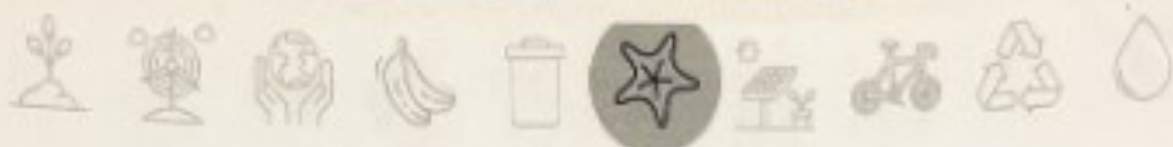
03 Is your school or nursery playground always clean and tidy?

Total Score

3

Ideas & Thoughts

Area for writing ideas and thoughts.



Marine

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- _____ ✓ X
- 01 Do you plan opportunities for children to learn about plastic pollution?
- 02 Have you banned laminating, or do you have a strict laminating policy?
- 03 Does your school or nursery use environmentally-friendly cleaning products?
- 04 Does your school or nursery avoid the use of plastic toys and resources?
- 05 Has your school or nursery kitchen reduced its use of single-use plastics e.g. cling film?

Eco-Committee Fact



More than half of Earth is covered with water – have you ever visited a beach and seen the Sea or Ocean?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Is glitter banned in your school or nursery?



02 Has your school or nursery ever visited a river, canal, beach or lake?



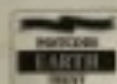
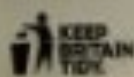
03 Do you drink your milk from reusable cups?



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Ideas & Thoughts





School Grounds

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- _____ ✓ ✕
- 01 Do you provide Forest School Lessons and have a Forest School leader?
- 02 Does your school or nursery have a green roof or living wall?
- 03 Does your school or nursery have a greenhouse or polytunnel?
- 04 Has every child in your school or nursery had the opportunity to plant a seed in the last year?
- 05 Do children learn and play outside in all weathers?

Eco-Committee Fact



Gardening can help you keep fit and healthy – when is the last time you helped an adult with their gardening?

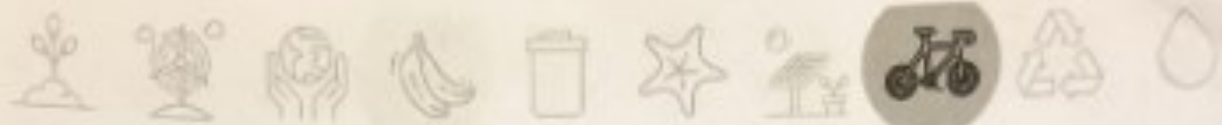


Eco-Committee Questions

- ✓ X
- 01 Do you have plants in your classroom, and do you help to look after them?
- 02 Do you have gardening lessons in school or nursery?
- 03 Has your school or nursery planted any trees recently (this might be outside your grounds)?
- Total Score

Ideas & Thoughts

Area for writing ideas and thoughts.



Transport

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- _____ ✓ X
- 01 Do staff members have access to an electric vehicle charging point?
- 02 Does your school or nursery operate a park 'n' stride or walking bus scheme?
- 03 Do any staff members in your school or nursery regularly car share?
- 04 Is your school or nursery surrounded by trees, hedges or vegetation to prevent air pollution?
- 05 Does your school or nursery provide walking, cycling or scooting safety training to children?

Eco-Committee Fact



Boys cycle more than girls in England, but girls are catching up! Can you ride a bike yet?

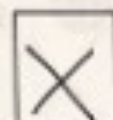


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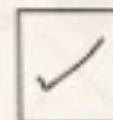
01 Has your school or nursery ever planned a walk to school/nursery day or week?



02 Do most of your friends walk, cycle, scoot, or use trains and buses to get to school or nursery?



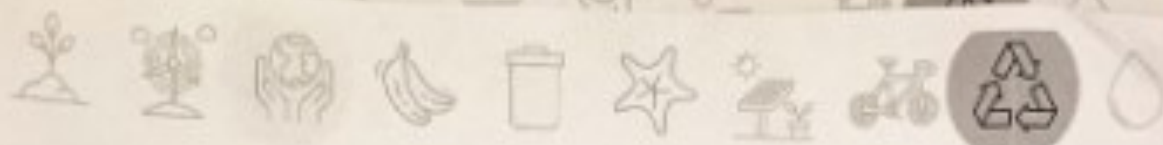
03 Does your school or nursery have a safe space to keep your bikes and scooters?



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Waste

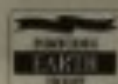
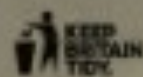
Eco-Coordinator Questions

- ✓ X
- 01 Does your school or nursery recycle any difficult to recycle items like batteries or crisp packets?
- 02 Has your school or nursery organised a second-hand children's clothing sale or swap in the previous 12 months?
- 03 Does your school or nursery have any other swap shops e.g. toys, books, wellies?
- 04 Does your school or nursery send letters home via e-mail or app by default?
- 05 If you work in a nursery, do you use washable, reusable nappies? If you work in a school, do you collect and redistribute used uniforms?

Eco-Committee Fact



Bread is our countries most wasted food – have you ever used bread to feed ducks? Be careful not to feed them too much as this might be bad for them!





Eco-Committee Questions

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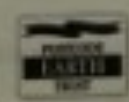
01 Does your classroom have a recycling bin?

02 Are there pictures on your recycling bin to show what you can recycle?

03 Does your school or nursery have a compost bin or wormery?

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Water

Eco-Coordinator Questions

- ✓ X
- 01 Does your school or nursery have any of the following water-saving devices: reduced flush toilets, water hippos, tap inserts?
- 02 Is your school or nursery regularly checked for leaking taps and toilets?
- 03 Do your school or nursery toilets have signs reminding children of the three P's (Pee, Poo, (toilet) Paper), that are the only items that should ever be flushed down the toilet?
- 04 Does your school or nursery include water-saving tips in e-newsletters so children and their families can save water at home?
- 05 Are reusable water bottles taken on trips outside your school or nursery?

Eco-Committee Fact



We drink the same water that dinosaurs used to drink, can you do a dinosaur impression?



Eco-Committee Questions

01 Does your school or nursery collect rainwater in a water-butt? ✓ X



02 Does your school or nursery have push taps that turn off automatically?



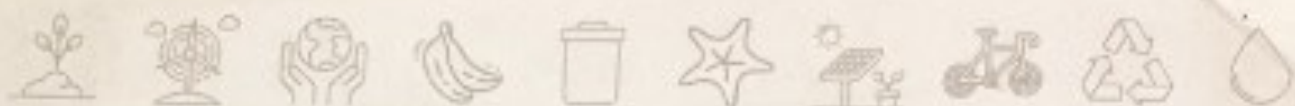
03 Do most of your friends have their own reusable water bottle?



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Additional Eco-Coordinator Questions

- ✓ ✕
- 01 Has your school or nursery been on an environmentally-themed trip in the last twelve months?
- 02 Does your school or nursery newsletter, or website, have a dedicated 'eco' section?
- 03 Have you worked with any other schools or nurseries on an environmental project in the last 12 months?
- 04 Does your school or nursery hold an annual, environmentally themed day or week of learning?
- 05 During holidays and breaks does your school or nursery set eco-challenges for children and their families?

Eco-Committee Fact



Last summer we had the hottest day ever in the UK, can you remember being very hot that day?

Our RESULTS

TOTAL SCORE

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Positives

As a school we are good with waste and water. We think about our rubbish and recycling.

Negatives

Energy! We should turn things off when we don't use them!

More Thoughts