

# Eco Update

## by St Michael's Eco Committee

We wanted to tell you about the things we have done to help our school become more eco-friendly this year. Here are some of the things we have achieved this year.



- Water butts - we have installed water butts to save the rain water and re-use it for watering our plants and seeds.
- Posters - to encourage saving water, energy and much more.
- Eco Code- we made an Eco Code to ensure staff and students do more to take care of our environment.
- Eco and pupil workshops- we have been doing eco and pupil workshops to include younger students and teach them more about our environment.
- Planting trees and seeds- we have created more habitats for the animals, for example birds, insects and much more.
- Rota Kids- the Rota Kids have worked on a project to present to other schools at the Duchess High School.
- Bird houses project- the students were asked to make a bird house at home so that we can use them outside in forest school and also in the quiet garden.
- Bird bath- Miss Pearson and the younger students made a bird bath in the quiet garden.
- Environmental Review- In October, we rated how eco-friendly our school is by answering questions, which included ten different topics to answer, for example: waste, transport, school grounds and much more.
- Action Plan - we made an action plan to ensure we knew and understood what to do to make sure we were taking care of our school and outdoor environment the right way.
- Tree Leaders- Our tree leaders make sure that everyone is taking good care of our trees.
- Eco Reward - in celebration worship, we hand out Eco Rewards if we have spotted someone who was doing a great job of taking care of our school grounds.

# Our Eco-Code

**R**espect Nature

**E**ncourage Each other

**S**ave Water

**P**rotect Biodiversity

**E**veryone's Responsibility

**C**onserve Energy

**T**ake Care



## Energy and Water Saving Tips for the Home

- 1 Turn off devices at the plug – leaving devices on standby can cost £60 per year.
- 2 Turn off lights when not in the room – this can save £70 a year.
- 3 Make sure your washing machine and dishwasher are full before using – this saves both water and electricity.
- 4 Save rain water in tubs or water butts to use for gardening.

## Thank you

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated seeds, pots and compost to school, and to those of you who took part in building bird boxes for the school grounds.