

Green-zine



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Welcome to our first Green-zine which is bought to you by the St. Anselm's Green Team.

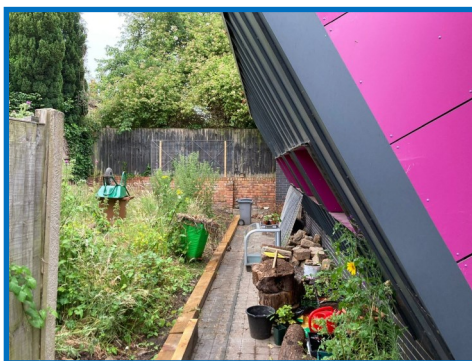
We will be reporting on our sustainability initiatives that we are implementing at the College and sharing with you some ideas that will help us all to be more environmentally friendly.

Merry Christmas from all of us.



Green Flag accredited for 2023-24

Some eager eyes have spotted our fabulous Eco-Schools Green Flag flying from the flag pole at the front of College. This is because we were successful in our application for this academic year. The judges who reviewed our application were impressed with the eco-garden created by the Biology team (and numerous students) and with our pledge via the augural Green Team to improve our 'green' credentials in the coming academic year.




Green Team activities in the first term

- Five Green Team meetings in College on a Friday lunchtime.
- Discussion and formation of College Green Team priorities for 2023—24 academic year
- Attendance at the Eco-Justice League on Monday 25th September 2023.
- Attendance at first Wirral Eco Schools meeting on Friday 17th November 2023.

Over the festive season...

Advice from the **Green Team**

- 1) Reuse and recycle—Reusing wrapping paper and gift bags can help reduce the amount that is bought and put into landfill. 
- 2) Get prepped— Defrost your freezer and bleed radiators before the Christmas break to ensure all are energy efficient.
- 3) Turn off Christmas tree lights and appliances when not in use. A timer can help reduce your electricity bill and save energy.
- 4) Food waste—Use the freezer to store leftovers and make tasty meals in the New Year.
- 5) Check your bins— Visit your local council website and make sure you know your collection days over the festive season and how to sort each of your household bins.

Catholic Corner

As a Catholic community, it is our responsibility to protect our planet. How do we know this? Well, Pope Francis tells us!

His encyclical letter 'Laudato Si', which explains the call to justice and peace, is all about care for the Earth, our common home. In it he says that we must "protect the world and not prey on it, sow beauty, not pollution and destruction." He asks that we "discover the worth of every living thing, are filled with awe and contemplation, and recognise that we are profoundly connected with every creature."

But how do we do this?

Well, we can start by looking after our own little acre of Earth as we put our trust in global leaders at COP28 to make the much bigger decisions. William Wilberforce said, "Great things have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed." Our Green Team will take responsibility for their patch of Earth by leading on eco justice and sustainability in school.

But we hope our actions inspire change makers to make decisions which protect God's creation. We want to be stewards of creation, borrowing our planet from generations still to come.

May the wonder of creation be revealed to everyone: water that gives life, not destruction; crops sown, not destroyed; pure air to breathe, not be polluted.

Renew in us a respect for the magic of creation

Mr Murray



Upcoming environmental dates

- Veganuary—Go vegan for January 2024
- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – 26-28 January 2024