

Green-zine



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A wonderfully action packed first term has almost been completed.

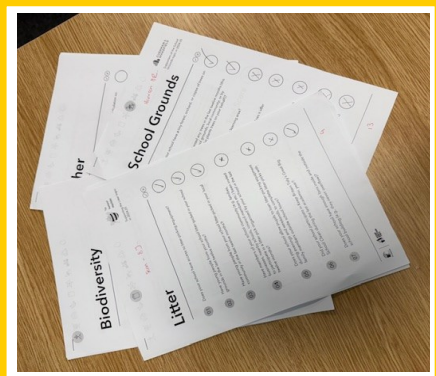
The **green** initiatives continue at St Anselm's with the added bonus of some brand new Year 7 Green Team recruits for the 2024-25 academic year.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas from us all.

Green Team activities in the Autumn term

- ⇒ Election of Green Team representatives for all 15 Forms in Years 7-9
- ⇒ Five Green Team meetings in College on a Friday lunchtime attended by Green Team members.
- ⇒ Completion of the Eco Schools 2024-25 Environmental Review by Green Team members
- ⇒ Collection of materials to be used for the Friends of St Anselm's (FOSA) Christmas Wreath making event on Thursday 28th November



Eco-Schools Environmental Review and next steps for 2024-25

The Green Team completed their 2024-25 Eco Schools Environmental Review this term. This extensive survey looks at different elements of environmental sustainability within the College.

By analysing our results we found that our two lowest scoring areas were Biodiversity and Water usage in College and these are our two foci areas for 2024-25.

We will be working with Dr Bahkt and the Biology Team to do this.

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) Turn off Christmas tree lights when not in use. A timer can help reduce your electricity bill and save energy.
- 3) Food waste—Buy only what you need and use the freezer to store leftovers and make meals in the New Year.
- 4) Gift less, appreciate more. Put time into picking a quality item that will last, and be loved, for a long time. This reduces the chances of gifts going to waste and will ensure that your gift lasts for many years to come.

Catholic Corner

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Mathew 6:28-29



Nature is made both to accommodate and to instruct human beings. Whilst we are constantly fixated upon the ways in which we use nature to accomplish our own ends, it is worth remembering that Creation in its totality and indeed its most minute details far surpasses anything that we have ever build, and will ever build. All our great cities, our works of art, our literature, our laws and customs and nations – all of this is but an imitation, a sequel, to what was already brought into existence by divine authority. It is not a coincidence that all our greatest accomplishments are those that most align with nature itself; that overtly seek to reflect its glory, and that are conscious of the Creator Himself. What is the instruction in this? It is that of Humility. All we do and build and think and say will one day pass away. As Shakespeare puts it – they are the stuff that dreams are made of. What remains standing after all this – and what indeed allowed all this in the first place? It is Creation, which surpasses in its simplicity even the most complex of human endeavours. Now this does not mean that what we do is worth nothing, because after all we are part of Creation, but it does mean that we should have perspective. Humility is a word worth repeating again: we should regard our lives and works with humbleness, and submit them to God, rather than give in to complacency and self-congratulation.

Mr Kearney

Upcoming environmental dates

- Veganuary—Go vegan for January 2025
- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – 24th—26th January 2025