

### Eco

Eco group have been busy finding out about a number of Eco topics including biodiversity, waste minimisation, litter and pollution. The children have been enjoying working co-operatively across the classes to learn about these issues, to get actively involved in Eco projects and to raise awareness throughout the school.

A main focus for our group this year has been waste minimisation. We have been learning how many materials can be recycled and what we can do to help. We have carried out a survey of our existing recycling activities and have started a new initiative to collect used pens and ink cartridges to be recycled.

Eco group is also keen to develop the biodiversity within the different habitats we have in our school grounds. We have been learning about the variety of wildlife in our area and made bird cake to help feed our wild birds in Winter.

In the Spring, we are planning to plant flowers and grasses in our meadow area to encourage a greater variety of birds and insects.



# Pupil Voice Newsletter March 2019

*Every 4 weeks, our children join their chosen Pupil Voice group. They meet together and discuss current issues and ways to improve the school. This newsletter provides an update on what our groups have been doing this session.*

### Knights for Rights

Knights for Rights have been discussing the situation of people around the world whose rights are NOT respected and, in order to help, have joined Amnesty International's Junior Urgent Action Programme. We've written to a young man in jail in Cameroon and the country's president, and had a reply from Amnesty. At Update Monday, we told the school about this. We checked that all classrooms have a Charter of Rights, and we're now creating displays for other areas around the school.

### Fairtrade

This year in our Fairtrade group we have created fair-trade recipes and even tried making some! We have also planned activities for the school for Fairtrade fortnight including a treasure hunt, wordsearches and other exciting competitions. We have had to advertise this too by creating posters and displaying them around the school.

We are planning on inviting a visitor into speak to our group about life as a Fairtrade farmer. We also want to learn more about Fairtrade cotton.

### Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSO group have had a busy session so far. We have met with Gillian Bathgate and Rosslyn Newman to talk about our priorities for this session. We recently ran a Be Safe Be Seen competition to encourage pupils to travel safely when out and about in the dark. We gave out a questionnaire to find out how pupils and staff travelled to school and this will become part of our Travel Plan which every school has to have. We have big plans to host a sponsored cycle (on a stationary bike!) More details to follow!

