



Eco Council met at the end of last term. Mr Baisley, our Eco Governor, worked with some children, preparing for St Albans Sust Fest (10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June), and Mrs Wicks worked with some other children, looking at the No Mow May campaign. We will update you nearer the time with our Sust Fest plans.

### **No Mow May**

We learnt that mowing your lawn less frequently can provide enough nectar sugar for ten times the amount of bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and other pollinators. We found out that dandelions are a particularly good source of nectar for bees and other insects, and so instead of pulling them up and treating them as weeds, we should celebrate the nectar that they contain. We found out that plastic grass is damaging to the environment, and is not good for biodiversity. Plastic grass also heats up very quickly in the sun, so it can be dangerous for children and pets in very hot weather.

#### *How can you help?*

All you need to do is put your lawnmower away for the month of May! If you use your lawn for playing games, perhaps you could leave a part of your lawn to grow longer.

If you are considering plastic grass, perhaps consider an eco-friendly alternative such as gravel or bark.

Some of the Eco Council have created images for this newsletter. They have also composed letters to the local council, to Miss Mylotte and to Mr Borley, asking for part of the fields and verges to be left to grow long, rather than being cut short.



Here are some of the reasons to join in:

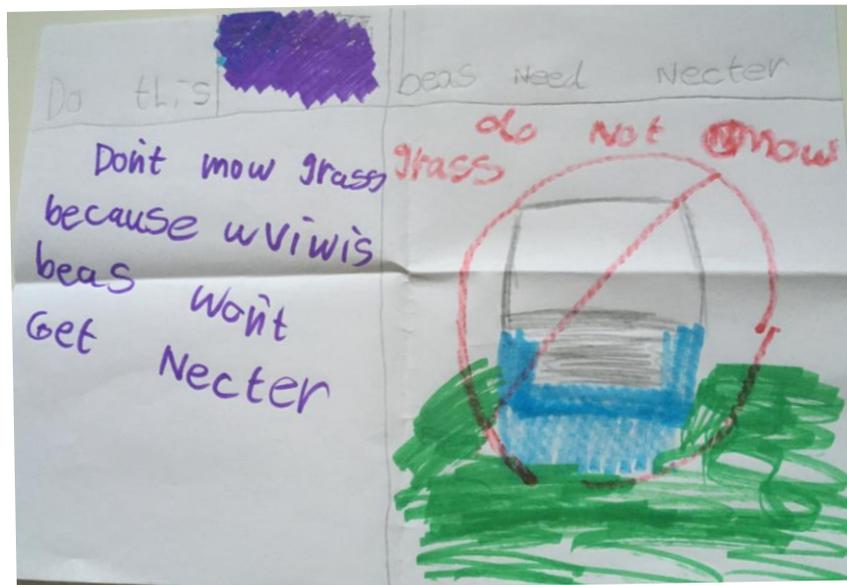
Since the 1930's, we have lost nearly 7.5 m acres of flower rich meadows and pastures.

Gardeners who take part in No Mow May can help 250 species of plant to grow, including strawberries, garlic and orchids.

We can attract more bees and butterflies to our gardens if we have more flowers on our lawns.

There is further information here:

[https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIzvWk8eLK\\_gIVlq\\_tCh3c6Q8kEAYASAAEgIDGvD\\_BwE](https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIzvWk8eLK_gIVlq_tCh3c6Q8kEAYASAAEgIDGvD_BwE)



*"Don't mow grass because otherwise bees won't get nectar."*

So, let's put our lawnmowers away for no mow May!

Wishing you all a fantastic flower-filled May!

From

The Eco Council