

Eco Council Newsletter December 2024

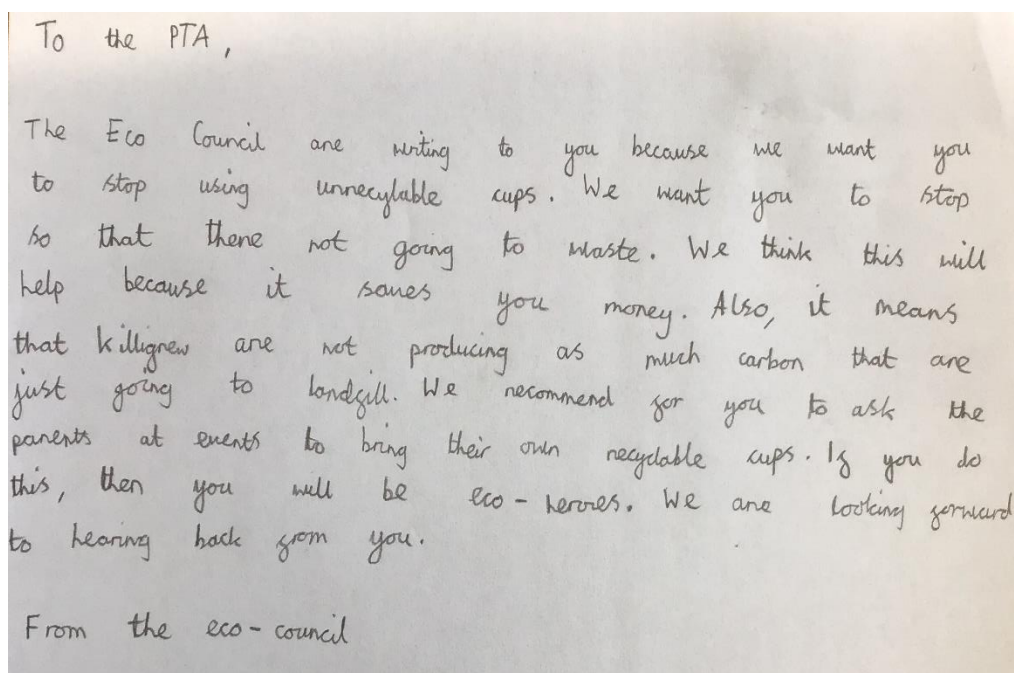
The Eco Council had their first meeting last half term and discussed their responsibilities. They are as follows:

- Turn off lights when you leave the classroom
- Check taps are turned off
- Turn off heaters in the winter when you leave the classroom
- Turn off the IWB if it is not being used
- Making sure everyone is being kind to nature- not killing bugs, not picking wildflowers

We looked at different eco themes and discussed our ideas linked to them.

Our plans for the year:

This year, the Eco Council will be helping the school to reduce their carbon footprint and have decided that they would like to begin work on reducing single use plastic bottles and disposable hot drink cups in school and in our school community. To begin with, they have created some posters to help spread the message and have written to the PTA to ask them to stop using single use drinks cups at school events.



To the PTA,

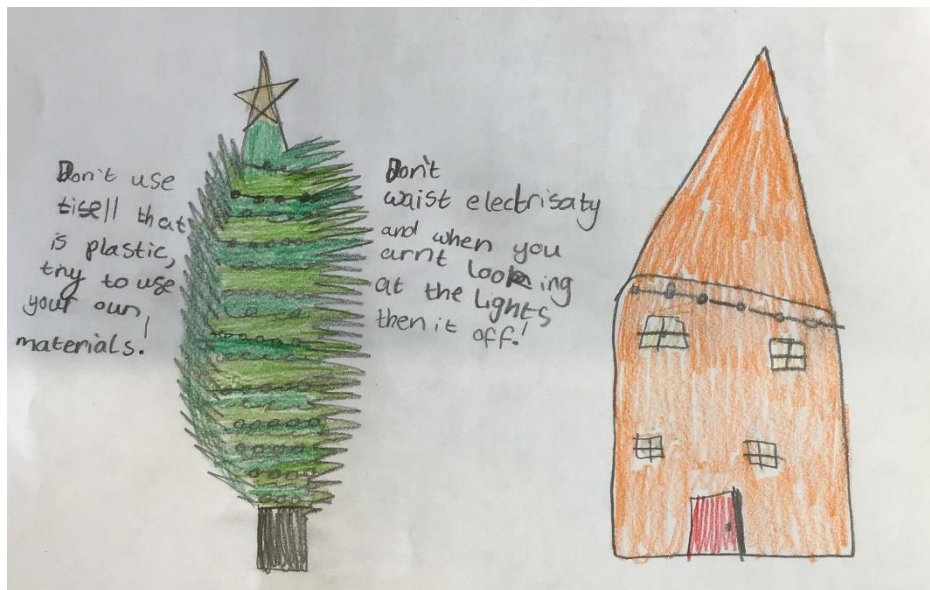
The Eco Council are writing to you because we want you to stop using unrecyclable cups. We want you to stop so that there not going to waste. We think this will help because it saves you money. Also, it means that kulligrew are not producing as much carbon that are just going to landfill. We recommend for you to ask the parents at events to bring their own recyclable cups. If you do this, then you will be eco-heroes. We are looking forward to hearing back from you.

From the eco-council

12 Eco Days of Christmas

Eco Council would like our school community to think about being eco-friendly over the Christmas period. There are lots of single use items bought and used (such as party plates, balloons, wrapping paper and cards), and we would like to encourage everyone to think about making a few swaps to help the environment.

Some of the Eco Council created illustrations showing their ideas.



Here are our 12 ideas.

Decorations:

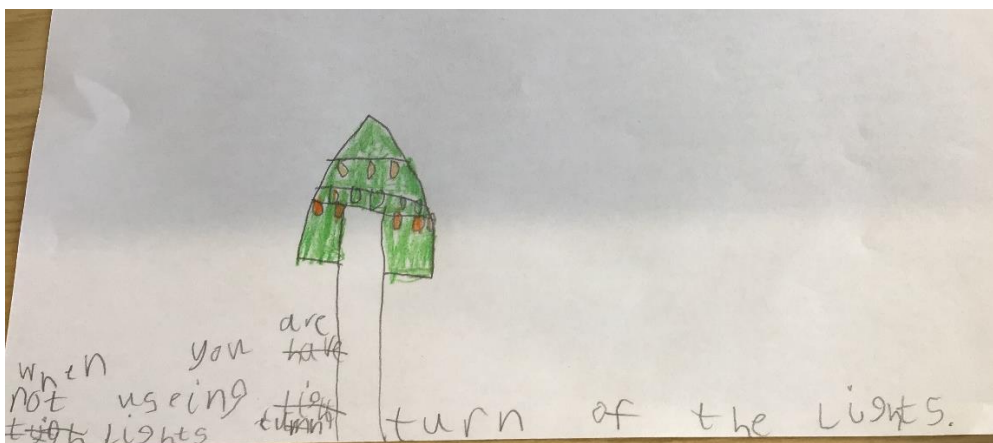
Re-use decorations each year instead of buying new ones.

Make natural garlands using acorns or pinecones rather than plastic tinsel.

Use oranges and cloves to make a beautiful centrepiece for your table.

Make your own crackers using cardboard tubes.

Switch off your tree lights when you are not in the room to save electricity.



Presents and cards:

Perform an act of kindness instead of buying and wrapping a present. This could be something like making a hot drink, or spending time on a walk with a loved one.

Make someone a card using recycled materials rather than buying cards from a shop.

Donate your old clothes and toys to charity.

Try wrapping presents in fabric rather than paper, but if you do use wrapping paper make sure it can be recycled (no glitter).

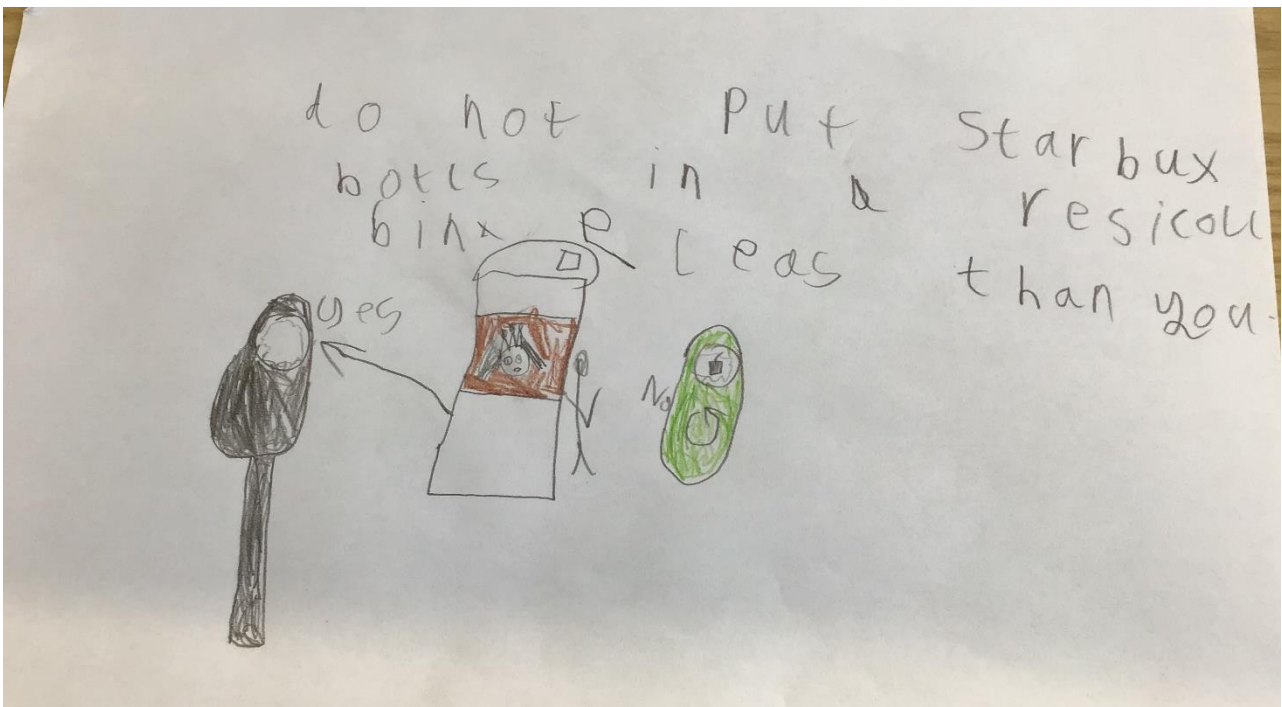
Food:

Plan your food so none of it goes to waste.

Have a day without meat or dairy.

Eat seasonal vegetables, or better yet, vegetables that you have grown yourself.

Remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as much as you can this December!



Wishing you all an eco-friendly festive season!

From the Eco Council.