



ECO- COUNCIL

Hello and welcome to our very first eco newsletter from Harvills Hawthorn's newly formed eco-council.

As you will know from previous correspondence, Harvills now has an eco-council that consists of 14 children from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. They were elected by their classmates as they were passionate about wanting to actively contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly school.

We would like to take this opportunity to share our plans for the year and some of the work that we have been doing in school this last term.

Action Plan Targets

After conducting an environmental review, the eco-council have decided on 3 targets for the year:

1. To improve the biodiversity of our school grounds.



2. To develop good energy habits.



3. To improve the overall appearance of our school grounds.



Cut Your Carbon

November saw the introduction of Cut Your Carbon. Mrs. Marsden led an assembly to introduce the campaign.

There were 6 challenges which would all make a difference.

Children and families are asked to:

- Ditch the Drive – walk, cycle or scoot 5 miles that would normally be driven
- Veggie Vibes – go plant based for a day
- Buy Nothing New – but nothing new for a month
- Power Shower – replace 4 baths for 4 showers, each 4 minutes
- Drop It Like It's Hot – turn down the thermostat by 1 degree
- No Power Hour – switch off all non-essential electrical devices

Lots of children and staff returned their tick sheets, showing just how dedicated we are reducing our carbon footprints.

**CUT YOUR
CARBON**

Donations Needed

In the spring and summer terms, we will be developing our science garden. If you have any old wellington boots, old plant pots or empty pop bottles, we would be most grateful if you could donate them to us. Please hand these over to the school office.

