

C.R.E.W. Newsletter March 2016

As we approach the summer term our thoughts are turning to the garden and Cookham In Bloom.

We would like you all to start thinking about what unusual containers we could use this year. We will keep the welly wall and anyone who would like to add a pair of planted wellies to our display is welcome. We loved the hanging bicycle helmets and would love to plant up a few more this year. Donations of plants/containers/help would be gratefully received. Let's try to win two years in a row!

We have also applied to enter RWRHS summer completion which is to grow potatoes and herbs then create a recipe fit for a Queen. More information will follow when we receive it. This is a great opportunity to join in and celebrate our Queen's 90th Birthday.

It is hoped that the children will be able to start joining in and visiting/working with the Cookham Community Allotment Team during the summer term, they in turn will help us with our garden.

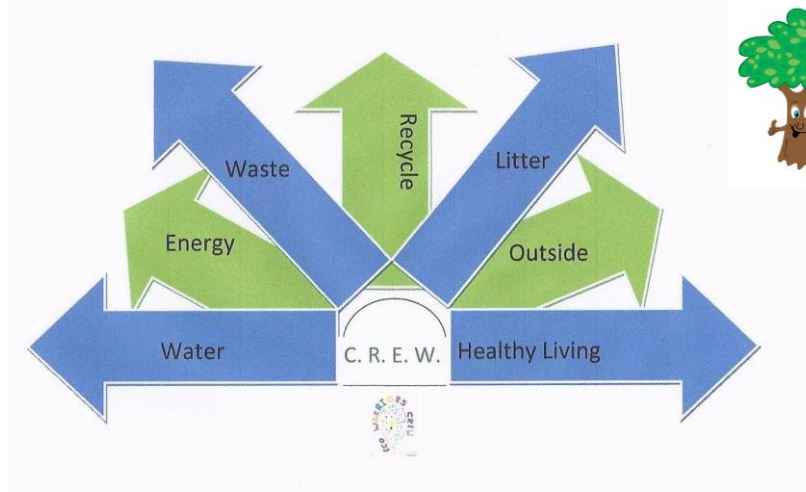
Our lunchtime ECO Club has continued. We have written to our friends in Kampala and the whole school did a Leap For Africa on leap day (February 29th) some of us were braver than others and the bravest went to Longridge with Mrs. Peters to jump the Leap Of Faith.

Our Green Flag is under review and we hope that we will have our new larger recycling/compost bins installed ready for the warmer weather when we enjoy our lunch on the field.

Over the Easter holidays there are three things that we would like you to think about and design ready for the new term.

1. A new ECO logo, with some or all of the elements that we follow (see below)
2. Revise our ECO code.
3. A flyer to promote Marsh Meadow Conservation Area.





As always we need to:

1. Carry on composting our fruit and vegetable waste.
2. Litter picking.
3. Watching our energy consumption.
4. Conserve water.
5. Keep healthy and walk to school where possible.

The Eco-Schools programme <http://www2.keepbritaintidy.org/ecoschools/> that we follow is focused on nine key topics. These are:

- Energy
- Water
- Biodiversity
- School grounds
- Healthy living
- Transport
- Litter
- Waste
- Global citizenship

We regularly integrate these topics into our curriculum every year in some form or another either as part of lessons or as after school clubs.

Have a lovely break.

Julie Armstrong and Elizabeth Peters

