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Supporting Environmental Education in Dacorum

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Monsters on a Mission Competition Results

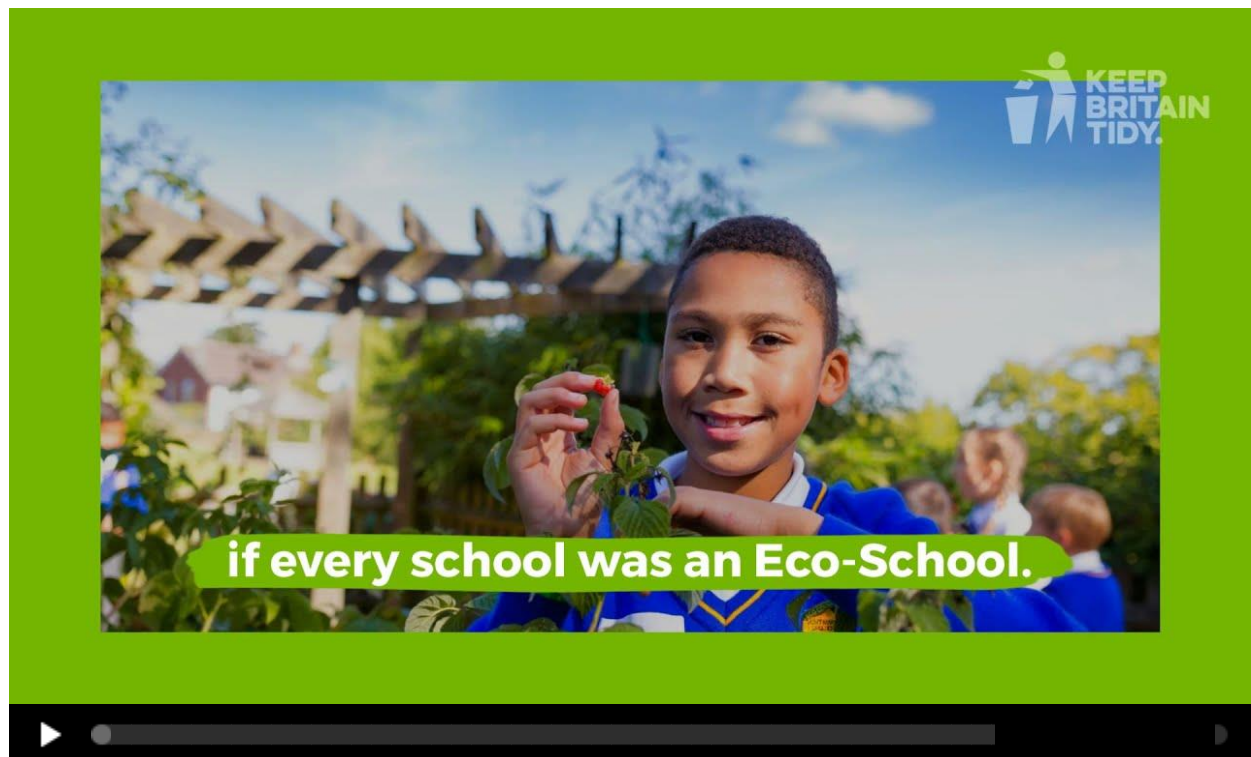
Thank you to all the schools who entered

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the schools across Dacorum who entered the Monsters on a Mission competition. In total, 35 classes entered and turned their new class food waste caddies into monsters so the children can recycle all of their food waste to help save the planet!

All of the monster entries had an amazing response from the local public on the Dacorum Borough Council Facebook page, with a total of 2580 likes and reactions which counted as votes for their favourite Teacher's pet! Congratulations to Year 4 Birch class at Yew Tree School whose monster 'Cadd-eye' (pictured left) was voted the scariest. Yew Tree School has won £250 to spend on eco-goodies for their school. Each of the schools who entered the competition have also been given a bundle of 11 books to teach their pupils about the problem of plastic, climate change and how we can protect our environment.

If you didn't manage to enter the competition, you can still find a presentation on our website by clicking the button below. You may use this in your school assemblies to introduce the Monsters on a Mission activity to your pupils. You can also book a virtual or in-person presentation from our Environmental Awareness Officer by emailing recycle@dacorum.gov.uk.

[Food Waste Lesson Resources](#)



COP26 - Make Every School an Eco-School

Is your school an eco-school?

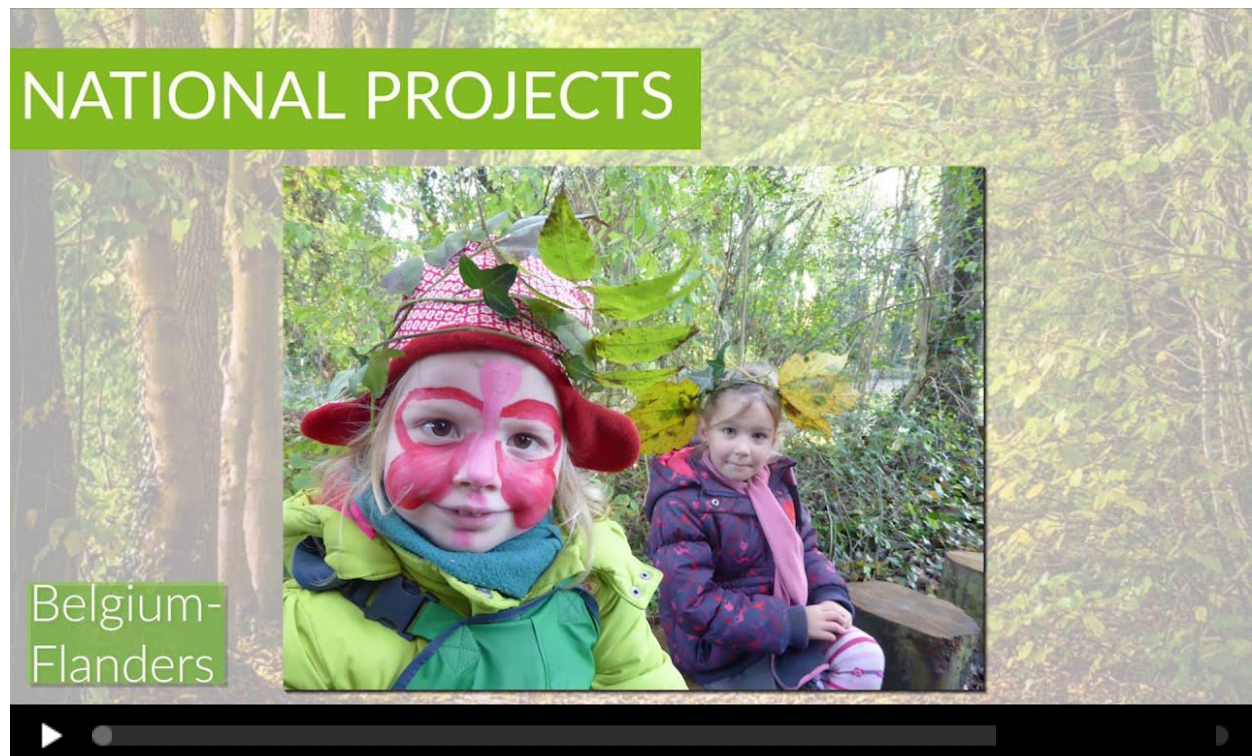
In November, the Eco-Schools team gave a talk to world leaders at COP26. Following this, they have teamed up with Keep Britain Tidy to launch their 'Every School an Eco-School' call to action. It is our responsibility to ensure that the next generation have the understanding, the skills, and the passion to take us closer to net zero. We would love to support their vision, by ensuring that every Dacorum school is an Eco-School!

The new and improved Eco-Schools portal launched in October and has received very positive feedback. If you haven't had a chance to look around yet – do so by clicking below.

This year, there are over 7,300 young Eco-Committee members so far in England! If you haven't begun completing the application form for your school yet or started gathering together your Eco-Committee for this academic year, it's not too late. Log in to your Eco-Schools account and take your next step.

We recognise that schools are very busy places, which is why we want to make it clear that **doing something is better than nothing** – it doesn't have to be time (or money!) consuming. You may already be doing things that can count towards your Eco-School status too!

[Eco Schools Portal](#)



Learning About Forests (LEAF)

Free, international Learning About Forests (LEAF) programme

Encourage your students to reconnect with nature in their local community by signing up for the free, international Learning About Forests (LEAF) programme. This is a great project to get involved with and can contribute to the 'Biodiversity' or 'School Grounds' action of the Eco-Schools award. If you aren't familiar with LEAF, there's a comprehensive guide online [here](#) which would be helpful to read through.

[Find out more information](#)



School Litter Picks

Would you like to organise a litter-picking event for your school? The Environmental Projects team at Dacorum Borough Council happily support school litter picks by lending out litter-picking sticks and provide refuse and recycling bags for your event. We can also arrange for your bags of litter to be collected after the event. If you are interested in organising a litter-pick, get in touch with us using the link below.

Alternatively, you can encourage your pupils and their families to become Dacorum Street Champions which involves receiving your own litter-picking equipment (litter picking stick, high visibility vest, gloves and bags) to keep. You can find out more about this scheme by clicking the button below.

[Become a Street Champion](#)

[Email us to organise a litter pick](#)



(Re)Love Our Stuff

The global fashion industry contributes nearly 20% of the world's waste water and around 10% of global carbon emissions. By swapping and reusing your old clothes, clothes are prevented from entering landfill and encourages financial savings for parents.

The Eco-Schools team and Keep Britain Tidy's Centre for Social Innovation has put together a set of instructions about how to organise a second-hand clothes shop event. Alternatively, you could organise a clothes swapping event, involving no monetary exchanges; instead parents simply take

home as many items as they donated. This would be a great way for your school to contribute to the local community and can help your school work towards an Eco-award.

How to organise a clothes shop



Eco-Christmas in Schools

I'm sure your school is buzzing with Christmas excitement as the Christmas holidays are fast approaching. HERTS WasteAware are doing a great #GreenChristmas campaign on their social media channels so give them a follow for inspiration about how to make your school as eco-friendly as possible during the festive season.

Put the plastic glitter away and have a rummage in your recycling bins and gardens for your crafty supplies! Here are some really fun, creative eco-craft ideas to treat your classes to as we approach the holidays:

Recycled Christmas Lights

Materials:

- Toilet rolls

- Twine
- Colourful paper
- Glue
- Scissors



[Find instructions here](#)

Cork Reindeer

Materials:

- Corks
- Twigs
- Ribbons, pompoms and bells (optional)



[Find instructions here](#)

Bird Seed Ornaments

Materials:

- Coconut oil
- Chopped nuts
- Birdseed
- Foil
- Cookie cutters



[Find instructions here](#)

Share your eco-work with us!

We would love to see the eco-work you are doing in your schools. Whether this is a recycled Christmas craft competition, tree planting, food waste lesson...we'd love to share your progress and inspire other schools in the next edition of the SEED.

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