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Eco Schools Update November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Switch off Fortnight! Design your own poster about Saving Energy

This year the Eco Council's main focus is reducing the school's energy consumption to help minimize our CO₂ output. We will continue to work hard to minimize litter and increase recycling to include plastic but to progress from Silver Award to Green Flag Award our next step is to monitor and reduce energy consumption.

So starting today we are launching 'Switch Off Fortnight'. This is an initiative to encourage everyone in school to focus on saving energy. All the classes will choose 'Light Monitors' whose role will include switching lights off when the classrooms are empty for long periods, for example, during morning break, assembly or lunchtime play. We will also aim to switch off interactive whiteboards when they are not in use. We have calculated that if the classrooms switch off lights during just assembly, playtime and lunchtime this would save the equivalent of 10 weeks lighting a year! This week a 'smart meter' has been installed in school and this will give us lots of data to monitor our progress.

To help get the children motivated we are launching a poster competition. The children are invited to design a poster to encourage people to save energy. The children could show the reasons why energy saving is important or show ways that it can be achieved either at home or at school. In the past the children have produced fantastic posters for our litter competition so we are looking forward to what they can do. The deadline for submitting the posters will be **Friday 9th December** and there will be prizes for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6. We hope you have fun making them and do ask if you need any ideas or help.

Have fun and thanks for your support

The Eco Council and Mrs Taylor

