

Beacon View Primary Academy awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag



~ International accreditation recognises the school's efforts to become more environmentally friendly ~

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Pupils at Beacon View Primary Academy have been recognised for their efforts to go green with an international accreditation.

Established in 1994, the Green Flag award is given to schools which have successfully delivered an eco-project by following the Eco-Schools' programme. At Beacon View Primary Academy, pupils worked hard to achieve the award by first forming a pupil-led eco-committee before conducting an environmental review to identify areas for improvement. The areas they reviewed ranged from biodiversity within the school grounds to how pupils and staff travel to school, and their findings formed the basis of an action plan which they implemented during the course of the year.

Amongst the initiatives that pupils came up with were weekly litter picking sessions, schemes to reduce food and plastic waste as well as growing plants within the school grounds. Pupils also delivered assemblies to their peers about the importance of looking after the local environment.

Sally Hodgson, Principal at Beacon View Primary Academy, said:

"Congratulations to all our pupils and staff who have worked so hard to achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag award. It has been wonderful to see our pupil-led eco-committee implement a range of initiatives across the school to advance our green credentials, protect the local environment and inspire others to take care of the planet. Throughout the year, I have been so impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment our pupils have shown and this award is testament to that."

Adam Flint, Eco-Schools England Manager, said:

"The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff who have earned the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all."

