

As a group we have been focusing on achieving our second Green Flag, in our journey to become an Eco School. We have previously already received our first Green Flag, although recently we have noticed that with a re-introduction to school after covid it has been difficult to keep up with the efforts we had before, so this year we have been busier than ever trying to make De La Salle a more sustainable school.

Some areas we have been interested in this year include:

- Biodiversity
- Litter / recycling
- Healthy Living / Citizenship

These are some examples that we have chosen from the 10 strands in the Eco School program to focus our work around in the last few terms.

### Events this year:

#### Tree Planting

In November we planted trees in the school grounds, bordering the banks near the nature reserve. This is an effort we have invested in to protect and preserve Mersey forests. The introduction of these new trees means more species in our local natural area, of both animals and plants for which the trees can provide. Soon with the new season we will be seeing an increase in biodiversity in our school grounds in response to the growth of these plants.



## Spring Clean Up



The Big Spring Clean Up was our scheme to be cleaner and more efficient with recycling in the lead up to summer, when we knew that everyone would soon be outside, likely not without litter to bring with them. We collected 28 bags of litter, and we hope to do more on this front in the future to link to the Litter and Recycling strand of our Green Flag. It is one of our biggest focuses right now, and we would love for our school to come together and help us with our goal.

## Eco Audits

Every 2 weeks we have been surveying the classrooms in order to score them based on the categories of recycling, graffiti, organization, and cleanliness, in order to bring into staff briefings. We have used this to inspire competition between classes, and our winners as of yet have been:



Miss Callister, Miss Egan, Miss Taylor and Mr Darlington

Our winner of the most recent survey has not yet been determined, but as it is the end of term we will be offering an Eco hamper as a prize to thank everyone for their hard work as we approach the end of the year. It will contain items such as fruit, tea bags and fair-trade items.

We will also be running a competition based on the combined results of each department.

## Meeting with the Board of Governors



Our chair of governors Teresa Sims put us in touch with Gillian Birmingham from the local council. We arranged a meeting with Gillian and Suzanne from the waste and recycling department. They came into school and we discussed what we had been doing in school to raise awareness and that we still had a problem with plastic bottles and packaging in the canteen. They have put us in touch with the school meal service to see if there is anything they can do to help us reduce our plastic and paper waste. The council are going to come in during their first term next year to do an assembly about reducing waste and encouraging our students to walk to school or use public transport.