



St. Mary's CE VC First School, Charminster - April 2019

Our Eco Committee have been busy this term raising the profile of environmental causes. Our Eco Committee are supported by teacher; Kate Brake, teaching assistant; Emma Middleton and our Eco Governor; Julie Pullman. In February they encouraged us all to love our bikes, scooters and even shoes in order to promote healthy ways of travelling for both ourselves and our environment.

Many children also took part in a competition, 'Love your Village!' They took a photograph of an area in their own community which they love and wrote about how they could protect and care for it. We had many lovely entries reflecting the care children have for the areas in which they live.

Our Eco Committee launched the campaign to reduce the amount of single-use plastics in the summer term. This term our children have been researching this topic and looking at the impact on marine life. They have written fact files, newspaper reports and presented their work in parent assemblies.

Their next task is to monitor the traffic in our village. This week, they met with PCSO Sarah to discuss taking part in speed checks. They have launched a poster campaign in school to promote careful driving in our villages! Look out for our posters in the coming weeks!

April sees the launch of the national campaign 'The Big Pedal' in association with the Sustrans charity which our Eco Committee have worked closely with in the past few years. Our Eco Committee will be encouraging us all to bike, scoot, walk or 'park and stride' during this time. Let's hope the spring weather arrives to help us all along!

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