



ECO INITIATIVE

Dear parents,

As you will know, the Eco warriors have been active this year with initiatives on several projects including litter picking, engine idling, and the Big Plastic Count plus others. Thank you all for your help.

We have a new initiative mirroring the one from last year. Each boy in the Pre-Prep and Junior School will be offered the chance to plant two seeds. One will be a Sunflower and the other Cosmos. The school will provide the seeds and the compost, but we would ask you to provide two **small** flowerpots. These should be ones you already have rather than freshly bought. If you don't have these, we will provide some from our old stock. This will ensure we recycle old flowerpots and do not add new plastic into the environment. Alternatively, you could send in used yogurt pots with a hole in the bottom for drainage. Could you bring these in with your boy's name on the side during the week commencing **Monday, 29th April**. Over the following couple of weeks these will then be sent back to you to water and grow.

This initiative is a prelude to 'World Environment Day,' held annually on 5th June, by which time we would hope that the seeds have germinated, are planted in your garden and are gracing your flowerbeds and attracting bees. Last year we found that the boys enjoyed watching the seed emerge as a shoot, and then when large enough find a place to plant it out, water and generally look after it. Hopefully they will appreciate the fact that they gave the seeds life and enjoy watching them become flowers.

Each class will have its own two seeds growing in the classroom so that boys can see how we are doing and hopefully it will mirror theirs at home. Later, when our own school plants are ready, we will produce a short video on repotting a plant and removing the plant from the flowerpot and then into the soil or larger garden flowerpot (s). We would love some photos of your son planting the flower. Later, pictures of the flowering Sunflower and the Cosmos (next to your son) would be great, and we will display these on the Eco Board at school. I hope you can help make this another successful initiative.

Thank you for your support.

Charles Hutchison.