

## The Green Flag Award

Championed by the Eco Committee, who were elected at the beginning of the year, Cassiobury Junior School is working towards the international Eco Schools Green Flag award. This programme acts a framework for guidance on embedding principles of sustainability into the heart of school life. For further depth, please visit [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

The Eco Committee have conducted **an environmental review** of the school, the results of which have been embedded into **our Action Plan** to form the core of our work. Please do have a look and see if there is anything that interests you or if there's any ideas that spring to mind.

The intention is to make this a school-wide endeavour that makes use of our outdoor space, and that all children can take part in, linking activities with the National Curriculum. To achieve the Green Flag award, we need to have concentrated on at least three Eco-Schools topics which are reflected in the action plan. These include the following: [Energy](#), [Water](#), [Biodiversity](#), [School grounds](#), [Healthy living](#), [Transport](#), [Litter](#), [Waste](#) and [Global citizenship](#).

### Our Activities:

#### Bulb Planting

On 8th November 2017, Cassiobury Juniors took part in a bulb planting day with local waste management company, Veolia. Children were invited to plant daffodil and tulip bulbs next to one of the main paths in Cassiobury Park and on the School Grounds at Cassiobury Junior School. Hopefully these will flower in Spring 2018, but we may have to wait until next year. Although chilly, the children loved getting their hands dirty, and were really happy to be active contributors to biodiversity in their local park and on the school grounds. Keep an eye out for any shoots when you're out in the park!

#### Switch-Off Fortnight

During January 2018 we took part in a school-wide campaign, [Switch-Off Fortnight](#). Assemblies on how to save energy were delivered, alongside discussions and lesson-based activities looking at environmental issues and cost-saving practices. The Eco Committee became 'Eco Spies' and spied on other year groups to check if they had switched off their lights and interactive

whiteboards during break times. An audit before and after the fortnight will tell us how much energy we saved. This constitutes an action under 'Energy' for our Green Flag work and has hopefully set some good energy saving practices in class.

As you can see, our Action Plan is a busy one. Please do get in touch with Miss Bancroft (5 Pear) if you have any ideas or would like to be involved in any way.