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Eco-Schools 30th Celebration Collage

Challenge: We challenge you to celebrate all the amazing activities your setting has done over the years for Eco-Schools, through the creation of a collage. Images of completed collages can be submitted to our competition. The winning setting from each age category will receive vouchers to use in the amazing Muddy Faces online shop to help your school with its Eco-Schools activities.

Introduction

Did you know that Eco-Schools is 30 years old this year? It was launched in the UK four nations, Denmark and Germany in 1994. Scotland awarded our first Green Flag in 1995. To celebrate the incredible impact our Eco-Schools have had over the past 30 years we are running a series of challenges, with exciting prizes. This challenge is to create a collage of some of the Eco-Schools actions and activities that your setting has taken part in since 1994. It doesn't matter how long you have been involved in Eco-Schools, we want to see and share all the amazing things you have done to help our environment.

Entering the competition

To enter the competition, please submit an image of your completed collage, with your setting name to ecoschools@keepscotlandbeautiful.org with the subject 'Eco-Schools 30th collage entry' by **31 May 2025**. One winning entry will be chosen by a panel of judges for nurseries, primary schools and high schools. The winning setting from each age category will receive a £100 voucher from Muddy Faces Ltd. to purchase anything from their catalogue. The winners will be notified by 6 June 2025 at the latest.

Activity

Make a list of all the things you would like to include in the collage. This could include:

- Eco-Schools actions that have taken place in your setting.
- Green Flag Awards.
- Eco-Schools celebrations you have held.
- Information on the progress of long term projects.
- Quotes from pupils about what they enjoy about Eco-Schools and how they feel they have made a difference to our environment.

Our online application system stores applications for the last few years, which you could use to jog your memories.

Next, think about how you want to display this information. This could be in the form of:

- Photos
- Drawings
- Graphs / other illustrations
- Text
- You could include videos by saving them online and creating a QR code link, which you can then add to your collage.

You can create your collage from any materials that you would like to. Be creative with your collage. You could create a 3D collage, a digital collage or even a video collage. If you are creating a physical collage, a great way to reduce waste is to repurpose items that would otherwise be thrown away. We ask that any materials that could be recycled are still able to be recycled once the collage is completed.

Now it's time to create your collage. The collage can be any size you want. Plan out where each element will go and if you want to make any links between different parts. You may want to label some elements to make it clear what they are. Once you have a plan, start adding all the elements until you have completed your amazing collage.

The Keep Scotland Beautiful team made our own Eco-Schools collage to help you as an example:

Finally, it's time to display your collage where lots of people can see it, so they can learn about the amazing contribution your setting has made to look after our environment.

Please see above for instructions on how to enter our competition. We would love to share as many of the collages as possible with other Eco-Schools across the world, so please send them to us even if you don't want to enter the competition. When you send us your collage, we will confirm with you if you are happy for your collage to be shared online. If you include images of people in your collage, we will also send you a photo permissions form for you to complete so that we can publish your collage online.