

## Making a difference

Linlithgow Bridge P.S. has just been awarded it's seventh green flag from Eco Schools Scotland. Over the last two sessions we picked three topics Litter, Energy and Transport to focus on. We were also introduced to the Sustainable Development Global Goals.

Our first topic was Litter. At the start of the year we did a litter audit where we went out and a litter pick in our playground. We then showed the school community the amount of litter we had collected so they were reminded to put litter in the bin. At the end of the year we went out and did another litter pick. The amount of litter had been dramatically reduced so pupils and wildlife that visited have a nice playground to play in. P.6. also organised a litter pick in the surrounding area so that we were making a difference in and around the school too.

The next topic was Energy. We introduced the Sustainable Development Goals, we focused No. 7 because it was on energy. By watching the World's Largest Lesson we found out that a quarter of the world's population doesn't have ~~eng~~ energy which is linked to poverty. Simple ways that we can save energy include turning off the lights when we leave the room, turning your heating down and if you're cold wearing a jumper. We put this information into posters and put them all over the school so people who come can see.

The last topic was transport. ~~our~~ Our school has a Eco rap it has different verses on different things. This year we made a new verse for transport. We asked Aldi and B&M if our school could use their car parks so pupils and parents could walk and stride to school. It also reduced congestion at the school gates. Also we wrote to Ineos (one of the companys in Grangemouth that make petrol) to ask how they look after the environment while making petrol for cars.

We received great feedback from Eco Schools about how passionate we are about eco schools. Next session we hope to continue our good work by learning within the topics; Health and Wellbeing, Biodiversity and Litter. We also chose a Sustainable Development Goal to work on and picked No. 3 Health and Wellbeing. We hope to continue our Eco journey and get more flags and making a difference in the world.

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