

Green Flag for Wellington Lions

Wellington Lions Primary Academy Pupils Celebrate Renewal of Their Eco-Schools Green Flag – with Distinction!

This academic year, pupils at Wellington Lions have continued to demonstrate outstanding leadership in championing sustainability and inspiring meaningful environmental action across their school and wider community. Their passion, creativity and commitment to creating positive environmental impact have once again been recognised with the award of Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation.

Established in 1994, the Eco-Schools programme has spent more than 30 years inspiring and empowering young people to become environmental leaders. Today, Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation is awarded in more than 100 countries, reflecting the programme's global impact.

In England alone, it reaches over one million young people each year, supporting them to take meaningful action and drive positive change for our planet.

Since Wellington Lions first began its pupil-led sustainability journey in 2024 pupils have led a range of impactful projects, including creating bird feeders, planting new trees on the field, and organising litter picks.

This year, pupils built on their previous achievements by focusing their efforts on three key areas: global citizenship, water,

and litter. Working collaboratively, they developed a detailed year-long Action Plan to address these priorities. Their initiatives included raising money for a World Vision UK through a whole-school World Water Day celebration, organising a Christmas Jumper swap event, and writing to our local MP about the importance of climate action, each thoughtfully planned to support their school's sustainability journey.



Speaking about their achievements, staff member Heidi Cadman said, "Having successfully achieved the award in 2024, and then with merit in 2025, this year the children wanted to achieve the award with distinction. They worked incredibly hard throughout the year, meeting every week to work on their action plan, all with the goal of making our school more environmentally friendly."

And pupil Phoebe Doolin, age 10, said: "I really enjoy being part of the Eco Committee because I want to help the world and our school be more eco-

friendly, and for everyone to learn about how important looking after our planet is.”



Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, added: "Young people want to create meaningful change, and they have shown they are more than capable of doing so. Their efforts deserve recognition and should act as inspiration to us all. Our planet is already feeling the effects of climate change, pollution and waste, but young people across England have shown we do not have to accept this, a more sustainable future is possible."

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