



# Eco-Schools



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**Eco-Schools has ten topics that we can choose to work on.**



**Can you guess what they are?**





## Biodiversity

Question	No	Yes
Does your school have a natural area to work and play in?		x
Does your school have any pet animals or insects?		x
Has your school ever recorded wildlife in the school grounds (e.g. bird or butterfly counts)?		x
Does your school encourage insect and animal life in the school grounds (e.g. bug hotels, butterfly garden, bird baths, long grass, hedges, wildlife boxes)?		x
Does your school have plants in beds, pots or containers around the school?		x
Are pupils aware of the global threat to biodiversity?	x	

Score 5/6

Comments:

We could learn more about biodiversity.

We could put more litter in the bin.

We could get a new pet – something smaller and less vicious than a snake.



## Energy

Question	No	Yes
Are lights and computer monitors switched off when not in use?		X
Are windows closed when heating or air conditioning is on and curtains or blinds closed at night?		X
Have you ever read your school's energy meter?	X	
Do your school grounds have any renewable energy sources (e.g. wind turbine, solar panel)?	X	
Does your school take part in energy-saving programmes such as Switch Off Fortnight?	X	
Are pupils aware that saving energy can help save the planet?	x	

Score – 2/6

Comments:

We would like to read the energy meter.

We could do a whole school survey.



# Global Citizenship

Question	No	Yes
Have any classes learnt about another country this term?		x
Do any of the classes in your school learn a foreign language?		x
Does your school buy Fairtrade products whenever possible?	x	
Do classes in your school discuss the news regularly?		x
Does your school host fundraising events for local or global charities?		x
Does your school celebrate different cultures and religions (e.g. do you try different food types or celebrate different religious/cultural holidays)?		x

Score – 5/6

Comments:

Are there fair trade kosher products?

Can we look into chocolate and coffee



## Healthy Living

Question	No	Yes
Do pupils take part in daily exercise?		x
Is drinking water available in each class?		x
Are healthy options encouraged for school dinners and break-times?		x
Does your class discuss mental health and wellbeing issues?		x
Does your school grow its own fruit and vegetables?		x
Are pupils aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle?		x

Score 6/6

Comments:

Improve Muga Rota

Vegetables from the garden are used in our school meals.



## Litter

Question	No	Yes
Are the school grounds free from litter?	x	
Does everyone know the location of bins inside and outside schools?		x
Are there enough bins inside and outside the school?	x	
Are the bins emptied regularly?	x	
Does your school participate in regular litter picks?		x
Are pupils aware of the impact of litter on the environment?	x	

Score: 2/6

Comments:

"This is a big thing to work on."



## Marine

Question	No	Yes
Is the fish used in school meals caught sustainably?	x	
Has your school ever been on a trip to a beach, river, lake or aquarium?		x
Does your school ban single-use plastics (e.g. straws, balloons, plastic bags)?	x	
Does your school use environmentally-friendly cleaning products?	x	
Has your school participated in a river or beach clean up?	x	
Does your school teach about marine life conservation?	x	

**Score 2/6**

Comments:

We could go to a river or beach and do a river clean up

We don't live near a beach

We want to to the DEEP





## School Grounds

Question	No	Yes
Do you have lessons outside regularly?		X
Do you play outside everyday (even when it's cold or slightly raining)?		X
Do you grow and look after plants in school?		X
Is the equipment in your playground working and well- looked after?		X
Does your school have an outdoor learning space?		x
Do you have the opportunity to suggest improvements to your school grounds?		X

**Score: 6/6**

Comments:

Perhaps more involvement from children to improve school and take care of equipment. Take responsibility for equipment.



## Transport

Question	No	Yes
Does your school have a dry, safe place to store bicycles and scooters?		x
Does your school offer training on using bikes and scooters safely?		x
Does your school have a school travel plan?		X – But could be updated
Does your school encourage sustainable travel?		x
Are the roads safe outside your school (do they have zebra crossings, lollipop people, traffic lights, yellow zigzags)?		x
Are children aware of the global impact of air pollution?	x	

Score: 4/6

Comments:

The children felt it was safe to walk to school.

There is a new zebra crossing on a main road to school. Perhaps an opportunity to encourage active travel.

Cars sitting outside with engines on.



## Waste

Question	No	Yes
Does each classroom have a recycling bin?	x	
Does food waste go in a compost bin?	x	
Do teachers try not to use printed sheets?	x	
Does your school use recycled school books and equipment?	x	
Does your school have hand dryers or towels instead of paper towels?	x	
Do students know why it is important to refuse, reduce, reuse, repair and recycle?	x	

Score 0/6

Comments: We think that some classes have recycling bins, but we're not sure.

Make sure no one is using single-use plastic bottles

We have a lot of math worksheets

We use paper towels

We don't compost our food



## Water

Question	No	Yes
Are your taps self-stopping and do your toilets have water saving devices? A	Unsure – find out from mr barton	
Are school plants watered using waste water?	X	
Do you learn how to save water?	X	
Do you have a reusable water bottle?		X
Do you have access to the school water meter?	X	
Do you learn about issues surrounding the availability of clean water in other countries?	x	

Total score: 1/6

Actions:

1. Post Covid – Look at the water meter together.
2. Find out if toilets have water saving devices.
3. Make sure no one uses single-use plastic bottles.
4. Learn more about how to recycle water for watering plants, availability of clean water in other countries, and how to save water.



# Which three topics should we choose?

Total Score: 28 out of 60

We chose the topics Waste, Marine & Energy