

ECO TEAM AND PTA AT LEA AND GARSDON SCHOOL IN MALMSBURY

Lea & Garsdon CE Primary School in Wiltshire has an active Eco team, and are working to achieve the Bronze Status for our Eco Schools programme. Parents from the school are founder members of the Malmesbury School Environmental Project (Elmer's Eco Kids). We took part in the Malmesbury "Plastic Free Town" accreditation scheme run by *Surfer's Against Sewage*



Starting with understanding where we are at-

In 2019, parents and teachers helped the children conduct a waste audit, which led to more recycling bins being purchased with grants for classrooms and common areas, and the children now separate recyclables and food waste in the classrooms and dining room.

The Eco Team concentrated on reducing single use plastics; plastic sandwich boxes were replaced with cardboard in school lunches

ECO FUNDRAISING

We have a crisp packet recycling collection point (raising funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance) and also collect Inkjet cartridges for the Ink Bin for recycling; both of which are available for the school and community (£307.40). We also collected batteries, pens, and clothing (raising £400 in 2019-20); advertised in newsletter. Our local stationers (A4 Stationers) in the local town of Malmesbury have been fantastic and have also helped to collect ink cartridges on our behalf. We would really recommend pairing up with a local stationers where possible. A4 Stationers have enjoyed some extra publicity and footfall as a result so it's a win-win! They collect so many they have actually been collecting for two local primary schools!



HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING

The school association has a sustainability policy for its events, changing the way we organise our school discos, Christmas and summer events, and gifts for parents e.g. upcycling craft projects (e.g. Memory bunting and Christmas cards - raising £150).

WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS THE SCHOOL

The PTA is now also working to become more sustainable alongside the school's aims. Our school projects seek to use recycled projects (for example, local donated bricks in the Sensory Garden).