

## ECO Schools

At Allendale First School we have been working hard to improve the school environment and reduce its carbon footprint. We have an Eco-Committee (who this year have named themselves the Eco-Soldiers) comprising of 2 children from each year group in KS1 and KS2. It is their responsibility to make important

decisions and plan events to improve the school's environment and sustainability. Over the last few years the Eco-committee have worked hard to improve the biodiversity of the school. This involved planting a woodland and hedgerow, creating habitats, monitoring wildlife in the school grounds and being involved in the planning and the development of the wildlife garden. Due to their hard work the Eco-committee was awarded the John Muir Award, recognising their commitment to conservation.

The whole school is committed to being Eco-friendly. We have energy monitors in each class, children in year 4 take it in turns to be composting and recycling monitors, and we take part in events such as Climate Week and Walk to School Week. To raise money for the school pond, each class worked together to make or grow something to sell at a market that we held in the village square. We try to reduce our carbon footprint by recycling, composting green waste to use on the school allotment and generating energy using solar power.

We are keen to involve members of the community in our ECO work. Please read our latest **NORTHERN ECO**, and take a peek at our **ACTION PLAN**.

If you would like to help please contact the school.

