



BOTHAL PRIMARY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Recycling Project / Eco-school project



We have been working really hard this past term in school on various new and exciting projects. Mr Mordue from 'Wild About Adventure' has been involved with setting up a new Eco Council that will look at how we can reduce the waste in and around school and how the school can become greener. This is an International award and a fantastic way to get our pupils involved in caring for our school, the surrounding area and the planet.

A few weeks ago Mr Mordue held an assembly to highlight the overwhelming problem with plastic in our oceans and beyond. We unveiled the newest addition to the Bothal family, Tallulah the Turtle, which was designed and made by some of the pupils. Tallulah is made from plastic found on Newbiggin beach by pupils during beach school sessions. There are all kinds of plastics from bottles to bags to TV remote controls. Tallulah highlights the huge problem we have in our oceans and planet and it was amazing to see how all the pupils had such a positive reaction to the assembly.

The new Eco Council have undertaken a number of surveys and audits and have some exciting plans for the New Year, such as introducing a recycling scheme in school to reduce the amount we send to landfill from approximately 90% to just 10%, which will be amazing. Another area, which some pupils have already started looking at, is what we do with waste that can't be recycled. We have joined another international campaign called 'Ecobricks' which are homemade building bricks made from materials that can't be recycled. All the materials are compacted into empty plastic bottles which can then be used to build exciting new projects around school and the wider communities.

We have decided to set a competition in school to see which class can produce the most Ecobricks next term and we would like your help. There is no obligation to take part but it is a fantastic way to get everyone thinking about their waste and doing their bit to help the planet, as well as having one of the greenest schools in the North East.

If you would like to help, please see the attached step-by-step guide to making an Ecobrick and bring them to school by **Friday 8 February**.

Please feel free to contact school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Kemp
Assistant Head

