

Big Battery Hunt

To reduce the amount of rubbish we send to landfills we are setting Broke Hall a challenge! As a school we are aiming to support all our families to recycle their batteries through providing a drop off point for them at school. By recycling used batteries correctly we will prevent unnecessary harm to the environment and reduce the risk of fires such as the one at a recycling plant just outside Ipswich earlier this year. It takes at least 100 years for a battery to decompose, and the UK has one of the lowest battery recycling rates in Europe as we throw away over 600 million batteries a year.

Suffolk Show Garden

The Eco-Council's gardening club are working on a mini garden to enter the school's competition at the Suffolk Show in May. The theme of the garden is 'A Garden Fit for a King'. We have had the idea of creating a display using the favourite flowers of the King, the late Queen and Camilla, the Queen Consort. If you have any further ideas for this, then please pass these on to any Eco-Council member.

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Class Energy Monitors

We are asking teachers to select 2 'Energy Monitors' for their class. The monitors will be responsible for:

- Switching off the lights when the class leaves the room or when lights are not needed.
- Checking that all electronics are turned off when the room is empty.
- Making sure that doors and windows are shut when the class leaves for PE or assemblies (when the heating is running)

We anticipate that there will be more jobs as we understand more about how to be energy efficient.

SOS Swifts (Save our Suffolk Swifts)

The swift is one of those birds it is easy to take for granted. They arrive in England for the summer to breed, yet over the last 25 years there has been a decline of over 50% of the birds that we see. One of the reasons for this is that they are having a hard time finding places to make nests. Swifts need to nest in places 4 to 5 meters high. We are hoping to fundraise to buy some Swift nest boxes to position on the walls of the main hall.

Learn Outside Day

In some year groups PE is the only lesson that is routinely taught outside so the Eco-Council are on a mission to increase the occasions when this happens. We are asking teachers to take part in 'Outside Classroom Day' and pick a lesson to be delivered outside on 18th May.

Litter

Litter is a big problem across the country and the Eco-Council are keen to take action. We are encouraging pupils to use the bins around school and when out in the local area instead of dropping litter where it could be a danger to the local environment and an eyesore to those who live with us. A great way to help would be to go on litter picks around the local area, this would be a fun, environmentally friendly activity and we would love to see photos if you do.