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Eco-School Newsletter

We are excited to inform you that our eco-committee has now been formed! We were blown away by the amount of applications - we are so proud of our children for their passion and drive to help our environment. Even though we couldn't select everyone for our committee, please be assured that each and every one of us will be involved with working towards our green flag award. Our eco-committee will be led by Mrs Bowell and the eco-councillors below:



Our first eco meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th November at 3.30pm until 4.30pm. During this meeting, we will begin our environmental review, assessing our school against the ten topics below. Following this review, an action plan will be generated and shared with all children, staff and parents. If any parents would like to attend the meeting or get involved in any other way, please get in touch with Mrs Bowell- we would be grateful for any support you can offer.



Your child/children may already have told you about our eco event over the next two weeks - Switch Off Fortnight. As a school, we are going to be extra mindful of our energy usage, switching off any appliances when they aren't in use. After the two weeks, we will compare our energy usage to previous weeks and hope to have made a significant difference that will permanently change the way we use energy at Abbey Gates. The children are already thinking of ways to support this change and we would like you at home to be as involved as possible in making your home more energy efficient.

Did you know?
 Leaving your TV and games consoles on standby could add an extra £80 a year onto your home's energy bill!

- What can you do to help?**
- Switch off appliances at the mains when not in use.
 - Turn your thermostat down by 1 degree - wear warmer clothing instead of turning on the heating.
 - Turn lights off when you leave a room.
 - Use energy-efficient light bulbs.
 - Reduce the brightness of your computer screen.
 - Don't overfill the kettle - only boil the amount of water you need each time
 - Use a bowl for washing up, rather than rinsing dirty items under a running tap
 - Put lids on pans when they're bubbling on the hob, as they'll boil quicker

'Learning Together & Making a Difference'.

