



Green Flag 2026

Oswald Road Primary School

Award Level:
Green Flag

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

We were delighted to read that this year's projects empowered your pupils to take ownership and responsibility for leading in making positive changes to their school environment. It was fantastic to see that you included regular evaluation of the progress of your recycling and litter-picking schemes throughout the year so that pupils could see the real impact that their work has had on their school community. It was wonderful to hear about their leadership in their own projects and that their confidence, pride and commitment to protecting their environment had increased.

We Also Loved:

- Your excellent strategy of arranging both an introductory assembly on the year's eco-projects to the school and a great update assembly later in the mid-year. This is really terrific both for increasing the general awareness of your Eco Team and what they are trying to achieve, but also for helping the whole student body to buy-in to the concept and feel they are a part of it too. This is essential for a truly successful project that achieves results.
- The fact that you not only organised some superb regular litter-picks on a rota basis, and were able to monitor the results, but also identified that, although you already had recycling bins, they were not being properly used. You were able to raise awareness of this, organise a 'bin it yourself' poster campaign, appoint recycling monitors to check on the progress of each class and even update your Eco-Board with the details of classes that had done well. This not only succeeds in getting the whole pupil body on board but also includes a bit of fun competition!
- We really loved the idea that your team put on a school play about the environment that you recently performed. This is a fabulous effort that really helps the team to celebrate their success and raise awareness of both the key issues involved and the results of what they have achieved in a way that will give them a great sense of pride and accomplishment. Also, a fantastic means of making the whole student community feel a sense of having contributed to some genuine improvements in their school environment.
- Your Curriculum Links cover a wide variety of environmental issues including biodiversity and habitats, deforestation, and sustainable food choices. This variety will help young people understand the issues our planet faces, and how our we contribute towards these issues. We especially enjoyed the pupils work uploaded, those bug hotels look fit for a queen (bee), and the rainforest stimulus evidently led to fantastic learning outcomes.
- It was also fantastic to hear how you have managed to include so many external contacts such as your local MP and a representative from Manchester City Council in your work. Tree planting, organising an Eco Fair, and getting families involved in a community litter-pick extends your efforts beyond the borders of your school to create meaningful improvements in the wider local community - really well done!

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Building on these superb results by expanding your recycling scheme to include other materials and perhaps even supplementing this with a school trip to a recycling centre!