

During the first half of the Autumn Term, last year's Green Team were pleased to receive an acknowledgement of all the hard work they completed last year on the school's garden project, by receiving their **Level 1 School Gardening Award** from *The Royal Horticultural Society*. This can be found on display in the school front office. Well done, team! This news has also been shared with our new Green Team members, who have been excitedly getting to grips with their new role in the school. In addition, the two groups that make up Green Team have decided to forge their own identities by creating a group name. The Lower Key Stage group have decided to be known as 'Mighty Oaks' and the Upper Key Stage group, 'The Acorns'. Both names were wonderfully inspired by the school's logo.



Wood End's Mighty Oak Team, our Green Team members from Year 1 to Year 3.

As part of their meetings in this term, the Mighty Oaks team have been busy learning about the basic eco-habits that we can use in school: recycling/reusing paper, switching off classroom lights and Interactive Whiteboards when not in use. Children decided that they could share what they had learnt by designing and creating posters that could be placed around the school. Furthermore, they thought that they could encourage these eco-habits around school by offering rewards and incentives, such as sticker incentives and certificates, to their classmates.

In the other team, they have been getting to grips with the fundamentals of leading an eco-friendly lifestyle by creating surveys and checklists to check pupils and staffs eco-habits. They have also been busy preparing for the school's garden plot, which is due to be created later this year. Each member of the Mighty Oaks team were given a series of special assignments. Firstly, create a letter to local garden centres to donate equipment and secondly, research potential fruit and vegetables that could go into the garden: 'What should we plant?' 'When should it be planted?' 'What soil is best?' 'How frequently should it be watered?' The team are looking forward to feeding back their research and completing their final draft of their letters at the next meeting.



Wood End's The Acorns Team, our Green Team members from Year 4 to Year 6.

Finally, after the school break, both teams will be busy planning the school's first Earth Day celebrations for later in the Spring Term, which is set to be a fun and informative look at global environmental issues: animal conservation, alternative energy etc. As well as, learning how to maintain the gardens and planning in access for their peers to use the allotment when it is built. What an exciting year ahead!

Miss Evans.