



Pupils at Dobcroft Infant School have once again been awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an international accreditation that recognises efforts to raise environmental awareness amongst young people, whilst taking action to make **Dobcroft Infant School** more sustainable. We have now retained its status as an accredited Eco-School, following their achievement last year.

The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70 countries across the globe. The programme prompts young people to explore a variety of environmental issues, including climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. Pupils are then empowered to plan and deliver environmental actions in their school, local community, and beyond.

Since we began working towards an Eco-Schools Green Flag, achievements have included:

- Developing our forest school area meant that we have begun to use this for outdoor learning which led to us winning “The Outdoor Learning” award for Sheffield Schools in 22-23.
- Improving biodiversity across the school grounds
- Supporting action to “stride to school”
- “Cut our carbon” by minimising our clothes wastage – we did this through a pre-loved pop up shop and on-going second hand uniform sales. This is proving very successful.

And this year, we will be building on these strong foundations, to work on three Eco-Schools topics: **Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and School Grounds.**

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: “The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff that earn the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination, and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all.”

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk