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A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Laleham Lea School awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction

Pupils at Laleham Lea School in Purley have earned an international award recognising their amazing work in making their school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in the local community.

Laleham Lea pupils are delighted to have been awarded the Green Flag with 'distinction' which demonstrates that they went above and beyond to improve the local community and protect our planet.

The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70 countries across the globe. More than 1 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England in 2022-23.

The school's Eco-Committee, comprised of students from all age groups from Nursery to Year 6, formed last September then conducted an environmental review assessing how eco-friendly their school was. They reviewed everything from biodiversity within the school grounds to how pupils and staff members travel to school.

Building on their findings, pupils then planned a year of action designed to advance their school's green credentials, improve their local environment, and protect our planet.

The Eco-Committee planned a variety of projects including an 'Eco-Day' which saw students across the school litter picking, making recycled bird feeders, tidying the school's herb garden and planting new herbs and seeds and investigating bugs in the 'Bug Hotel'.

Judges from the Eco-Schools programme said: "Your greatest successes link clearly to the experience of your pupils. The children's awareness of environmental issues have been a huge success. We love the variety of activities that you and your Eco-Committee have included in the Action Plan. This will no doubt support multi-disciplinary skills and shows how integrated environmentalism is in your school. We loved reading about your plans to introduce energy monitors and to design bug hotels and bird feeders!"

Emma Ladio, Eco-Coordinator for Laleham Lea said: "I am so proud of how hard our whole school community worked to attain this award. We have already started work to elect this year's Eco-Committee and plan to build on our achievements over the coming months to further help protect and care for our planet."

Acting Head Teacher Maria Reece said: "It has been truly inspirational to see the students' passion and motivation to help take care of God's World. I cannot wait to see their plans for the coming year."

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."

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About Laleham Lea School

Laleham Lea is a Catholic Independent Primary School situated in Purley, Surrey providing education for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. The school is rated 'excellent' by the ISI and aims to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum within a happy learning environment. The majority of pupils are Catholic, but we warmly welcome children of all faiths who are sympathetic to our ethos.

For admissions enquiries, please contact: 0208 660 3351.

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