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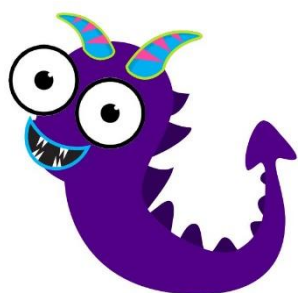
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September 2021

## Monsters on a Mission Competition

Submit your Teacher's Pet image to us!



All primary schools across Dacorum have been offered a free food caddy for each of their classes. Along with the food caddies, each class has been given a set of 'monster' stickers to decorate their caddy with to create their own 'Teacher's Pet'. Once your class has created their Teacher's Pet, don't forget to email your entries to [recycle@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@dacorum.gov.uk) by Friday 22 October 2021.

All photos submitted will be posted on the Dacorum Borough Council social media channels and during the last week of October, residents will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite monsters in time for Halloween! The winning school will receive eco-themed prizes worth up to £250 and will also be featured in the next SEED newsletter.

## Resources

Find a presentation here which you can use in your school assemblies to introduce the competition to your pupils. You can also book a virtual or in-person presentation from our Environmental Awareness Officer by emailing [recycle@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@dacorum.gov.uk).

Have a look at these resources for inspiration about how you can incorporate food waste material into your lesson plans:

[Link to website with PDFs in [this folder](#)]

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## Eco-Schools is Changing...



The Eco-Schools programme has made several changes meaning the Green Flag award is now much easier to achieve every year! The programme is now an accreditation that can be renewed each academic year. This means that all of the Eco-Schools from across the country will work through the 7 step framework every year and will be at a similar point in the framework at a similar time. This will allow the Eco-Schools support team to provide more specific advice and inspiration for each school.

The new Eco-Schools Green Flag application form is now viewable and editable when you log into your Eco-Schools account. This new form now has a progress bar, so your Eco-Committee can monitor their progress towards the Green Flag by knowing when they are halfway there, or only have three questions left to answer!

Most schools will already be well on your way to achieving a Green Flag, by simply doing things that you have been doing for years.

Read more information about the changes and what it means for your school [here](#).

## The Queen's Green Canopy

**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!**



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a UK-wide tree planting initiative to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Schools will be able to plant trees through the "Free Trees for Schools" scheme from October 2021 to the end of 2022. The QGC is encouraging planting between October and March to optimise the chance of trees flourishing. Your school will also be able to order an official plaque to mark the occasion for generations to come. To find out how to get your school involved, visit [their website](#).



## Recycle to Read – The Pod’s new Campaign



The Pod, the national school’s environmental programme, has recently launched a new campaign called “Recycle to Read” which involves schools collecting old technology and toys that they no longer use, in exchange for books for the school.

- Over 318 million toys are sold in the UK every year, with the majority being manufactured from plastic.
- It is estimated that UK households dispose of 155,000 tonnes of small electricals every year, which would be worth approximately £17 billion if recycled appropriately.

All available spaces for autumn term collections have now been filled, but you can now sign up your school to the priority waiting list for a spring or summer term collection and receive two collection boxes and the participant’s pack. Find out more information [here](#) under the “NEW Recycle to read” tab.

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## COP26 – Get your school involved



COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference is happening in the UK in November. As part of the Together for our Planet campaign, WWF have launched a pack of helpful resources for schools to help educate children about the dangers of climate change leading up to the conference. There are free resources available for every age group which cover topics including the Sustainable Development Goals, transport and energy.

Browse through all of the resources here:

[Twinkl COP26 Resource Packs](#)  
[Climate Leaders activities for schools](#)

## Great Big Green Week 18 – 26 September

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK** 

This week will see thousands of events and activities take place across the UK to celebrate ways we can help tackle climate change and show that a net-zero future is possible. Events will range from bike trials to litter picks, business promotions to concerts, and everything in between. Find more information about events that your pupils can get engaged with [here](#).

## Did you miss us?

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