

Top tips on starting an Eco Club

An Eco Club is a great way of bringing children together who are interested in the environment. Here are our top tips for getting started

1 Decide on the focus of your Eco Club

- What is your Eco Club all about? Is it to help you achieve Eco-Schools awards, make your school greener, have fun, or all of these? Do you want your Eco Club to have a specific focus or theme?
- Which adults do you need to help and get involved? Which one of your teachers is going to run the club? If it's a gardening club, why not ask your school's caretaker to join in too.
- Your Eco Club needs a good name. It could simply be the Eco Club or you could think of a more imaginative name... such as Green Warriors, The Eco-Team, Power Rangers, or the Gardening Crew! Ask everyone for suggestions and then vote for the best name.

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2 Recruit members to your club

- Spread the word about the club. Tell your friends, your class... the whole school! Encourage everyone who is interested to come along and sign up.
- Let the whole school know what you are doing (or planning to do) in Eco Club sessions. So take photos, put up posters, start an eco notice board or run regular assemblies.
- If you want more members to join your club, why not have a club meeting when every member brings one friend? You can play **Pod games** together or do an activity, like a big litter pick. Hopefully they'll have so much fun they'll join the Eco Club too.



3 Plan your first activity

- Find your first mission – could you be energy-saving inspectors, the litter crew, green gardeners, bug buddies or waste warriors?
- Why not try some fundraising to collect cash to buy the things your club needs... like gardening things, games, hats, or whatever you'd like?
- Your Eco Club could run a campaign or a Green Day to get the whole school involved in your mission (see our **How to run a Green Day** guide).
- Why not get your school to sign up for **Switch Off Fortnight** or **Waste Week**? The Eco Club could be in charge of planning, running and promoting the campaign around school.



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