

# BUCKSHAW ECO TEAM NEWSLETTER



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## ACTION AGAINST FOOD WASTE

Over the past half term, the Eco Team have been working on a project looking at food waste.

A new initiative has been introduced by Chorley Council which sees new food recycling facilities being available to all households in the area with the introduction of food waste bins.

The Eco Team saw this as the perfect opportunity to investigate food waste and how we can play a part in reducing it.

**WHY IS FOOD WASTE BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?**

- Producing food requires large amounts of land, water and energy. When food is discarded, all these resources are wasted.
- One third of all food produced is wasted - enough to feed 2 billion people. In the UK, we produce enough food waste each year to feed over 30 million people.
- If food waste is sent to landfill, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential greater than carbon dioxide. Food waste alone accounts for approximately 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

**WHAT CAN WE DO?**

The Eco Team were eager to see what could be done in school to reduce food waste. They have been working on a campaign to measure our food waste in school and the reasons for it. So how can we reduce it?

- Continue to monitor food waste and the reasons for it.
- Educate - teach each other why food waste is bad for our planet.
  - Only take the food you need.
  - Take time to think about what you are eating and enjoy it.
  - Ensure any food waste is collected and composted so that it doesn't go into landfill.