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## Local school wins international awards

*Blackwood Primary School* in *Blackwood, Caerphilly* is celebrating after being awarded an internationally acclaimed eco-award.

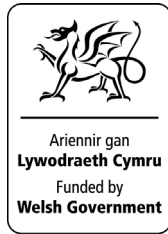
*Blackwood Primary School* has been awarded their *first* Green Flag Award thanks to the environmental education programme, Eco-Schools.

Eco-Schools is an international programme run in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government. Over 90% of schools in Wales are registered on the programme.

The Eco-Schools programme inspires and empowers pupils to be leaders of change in their community, helping them learn about sustainable living and global citizenship while giving them the information and support they need to make changes that will benefit their school, local environment and wider community, such as reducing waste, energy consumption, transport, healthy living and litter issues.

As part of their Eco-Schools assessment, *Blackwood Primary School* had to complete a range of activities linked to the Eco-Schools criteria. You can see all of the hard work undertaken by the Eco Committee displayed on the PowerPoint attached to this message.

*Mr Davies*, said:



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“Our Eco Committee at Blackwood Primary School has been awarded the prestigious **Green Flag Award!** This achievement is a testament to the incredible dedication, teamwork, and passion shown by our pupils, staff, and community in promoting sustainability and environmental awareness.

The journey to earning the Green Flag has been inspiring. From litter picks to energy-saving campaigns, wildlife projects to recycling initiatives, the commitment of our young eco-warriors has been nothing short of remarkable. They have demonstrated not only their creativity and determination but also their deep understanding of the importance of caring for our planet.

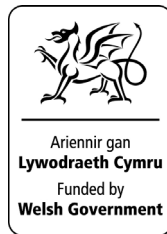
As a school, we couldn't be prouder of this milestone. It reflects our shared values and the hard work of everyone involved.

We hope this achievement inspires all of us to continue striving for a greener, brighter future. Together, we are making a difference!”



*Fran Watkin*, Education Officer for Keep Wales Tidy said:

“Congratulations to *Blackwood Primary School* on their amazing achievement. They are a shining example of how young people in Wales are committed to achieving a sustainable future for their school but also for their wider community and local environment.”



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For more information on the Eco-Schools programme, visit [www.keepwalestidy.cymru](http://www.keepwalestidy.cymru)

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. For more information on this story, please contact *the main office*.
2. For more information on Eco-Schools and Keep Wales Tidy, please contact Nia Lloyd, Communications Officer for Keep Wales Tidy on [nia.lloyd@keepwalestidy.cymru](mailto:nia.lloyd@keepwalestidy.cymru)
3. Eco-Schools is run in Wales by Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government. For more information on the programme, please visit: [www.keepwalestidy.cymru/eco-schools](http://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/eco-schools)
4. The Eco-Schools programme is an international initiative owned by the Foundation of Environmental Education (FEE) running in 47 countries world-wide, that encourages pupils to engage with environmental and sustainable development issues. It provides a highly structured system for the environmental management of schools.
5. The Eco-Schools main topics are: Litter, Waste Minimisation, Energy, Water, School Grounds, Global Citizenship, Transport and Health, Food and Wellbeing.
6. Keep Wales Tidy is a registered environmental charity working for the improvement of the Welsh environment. Visit our website for more information on our work across Wales: [www.keepwalestidy.cymru](http://www.keepwalestidy.cymru)
7. For all the latest news, follow Keep Wales Tidy and Eco-Schools Wales on Facebook and Twitter! @Keep\_Wales\_Tidy @EcoSchoolsWales