How to have an eco Christmas!

Christmas is just around the corner, and I'm sure many of you will already be preparing for your celebrations. Even at this time of year, it's important to be mindful of how our actions affect the world around us. But making Christmas more eco-friendly doesn't mean missing out on the fun! Remember, even the smallest change can make a big difference.

Here is a photo of my advent calendar. It's made from recycling cardboard boxes and can be reused!

Teacher Interview: Mr Tawede

What do you feel the school could do to be more eco?

- "All departments have to play a role to show that they explicitly support what the eco committee are trying to do. If the kids are hearing it from all departments then it'll have a greater impact"

What about being eco relates to philosophy?

- "Everything we have been talking about has been stewardship. Everything is believed to be from the divine being and it is leased to us so we should take care of it. For three reasons, so we can enjoy it, so future generations can enjoy it, and because it is leased to us so we should take care of it for its owner."

What is your best eco joke?

- "What kind of tree grows on your hand? A palm tree!"
- "How can you tell the ocean is friendly? It waves!"

Do you think there should be an eco fashion show?

- "Yes!"

Here are a few simple ways to have a greener Christmas this year...

1. Replace your advent calendar with a reusable option. Advent calendars are an exciting part of the lead up to Christmas, but many contain plastics which contribute to pollution. Reusable calendars can be used every year, reducing your amount of plastic waste! And it's a fun way to personalise your advent calendar.

2. Swap wrapping paper for recyclable options. Did you know that in Britain, we use on average 227,000 miles of wrapping paper each year? Much of this can't be recycled. Swapping to more eco-friendly brown paper for gift wrapping is an easy way minimise waste. You could also opt for fabric wrapping for a reusable option.

3. When you go Christmas shopping, take reusable bags. This one's easy to forget, but using a reusable bag is a simple way to reduce your plastic consumption.

4. Switch to eco-friendly Christmas Crackers. Crackers are a Christmas dinner essential for many, but most cannot be recycled, and contain plastic toys that are a big contributor to waste. Plastic-free crackers can be found in shops, or you could even make your own for a personalised touch.

5. Use LED Christmas lights on your tree. LEDs use up to 75% less energy, and so are a great way to reduce the amount of energy you use this Christmas. It also helps to switch your lights off at night for further cut down on energy used.

6. Consider making your own Christmas decorations. Upcycling old decorations or sewing them from spare material around your house is not only fun and creative, but also more eco-friendly!