

# Notes

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, BECOME AN



Name:

There are a variety of challenges to choose from including creative and active tasks to do either on your own or with a group.

## Contact details

To order recycling sacks, containers, report a missed collection and any other recycling or waste enquiry:

 [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling)

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# How to become an Eco Warrior Champion!

Your journey to become an Eco Warrior Champion starts here!



Each term choose challenges to complete to earn your reward stickers. Tell your teacher when you've completed a challenge to receive your sticker.

You can do challenges on your own, with a friend or a group of classmates. There's also some you can do at home with your family.

Each one is designed to teach you something about environmental issues but will also be fun and can be anything from making something to outdoor activities.

The Eco Warrior scheme features the following levels:



# AUTUMN TERM CHALLENGES



Complete 3 or more of the following challenges

1.

Carefully pull out the recycling poster from the centre of this booklet.

Place sticker here when complete

Look at it and then stick up in your kitchen so everyone in your family will know what can be recycled in MK.

2.

On YouTube search 'MK Recycling Factory' and watch the video with a member of your family.

Place sticker here when complete

3.

Design a new recycling truck. See page 14 of this booklet for the truck outline.

Place sticker here when complete

4.

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family. Complete the Tree Challenge on page 5.

Place sticker here when complete

5.

Find the recycle logo on your breakfast cereal box and plastic milk bottle.

Place sticker here when complete



# Tree Challenge

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family and look out for the trees below. Tick off those you see.

Collect leaves, conkers, cones, etc and create an autumnal display in a bowl.



Ash Tree



Horse Chestnut



Oak Tree



Pine Tree



Silver Birch



Sycamore

# SPRING TERM CHALLENGES



Complete 3 or more of the following challenges

1.

At home help with recycling by making sure paper, food tins, drinks can and plastic bottles always go in the clear recycling sack.

Place sticker here when complete

2.

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family.

Look out for the birds on page 11 and tick off those you see.

Place sticker here when complete

3.

On a frosty morning wrap up warm and head out with a member of your family to find an icy cobweb.

Photograph or draw the cobweb.

Place sticker here when complete

4.

Create fun bugs and creatures from plastic bottle tops.

See [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/kidsrecycle](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/kidsrecycle) for How-To sheet.

Place sticker here when complete

5.

Ask your teacher to play Recycle Bingo with your class.

Print game off at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle)

Place sticker here when complete

# Recycling Guide

Carefully pull out this helpful recycling guide and stick up in your home so everyone in your family will know what can be recycled.

Do's



- ✓ Be helpful at home and school by putting paper, plastic bottles, food tins and drinks cans in the clear recycling sack
- ✓ Rinse out any food and drink containers before you put them into the clear sack
- ✓ Put all food and garden waste in the green bin
- ✓ Put the yellow battery bag when full on top of your green bin
- ✓ Put all non-recyclable rubbish into black bin bags (not supplied by MK Council)
- ✓ Put rubbish and recycling on the boundary of your home by 7am on your collection day

Don'ts



- ✗ Don't mix your rubbish with your recycling. If you do everyone's recycling will be spoilt and may not be recycled
- ✗ Don't put out your recycling earlier than 5pm the day before your collection day
- ✗ Don't pile up your bags with the neighbours in your street

## Important nappy information!

If you have a little brother or sister who wears disposable nappies please make sure your parents put all nappies in the black rubbish bag!



# What goes where?



- Household batteries
- Button batteries
- Laptop batteries
- Mobile phone batteries



**BATTERIES**



**GREEN BIN**

- Fruit and vegetables
- Any leftover food
- Teabags, tea leaves and coffee grounds
- Dairy products
- Meat, bones, fish – cooked or raw
- Bread and pastries
- Branches (less than 15cm diameter)
- Grass clippings
- Weeds



## Only these items for recycling...

- Mixed paper, magazines and envelopes
- Cardboard
- Food and drink cartons
- Drinks cans
- Food tins
- Foil trays
- Empty aerosol spray cans
- Plastic bottles and lids
- Plastic food trays and pots



**CLEAR SACKS**



- Glass bottles and jars (no lids)

**BLUE BOX**



**BLACK SACKS**

## All other rubbish including:

- Disposable coffee cups
- Wet wipes
- Plastic film and cling film
- All tissues and kitchen towel
- Plastic carrier bags
- Broken glass (wrapped up)
- Dirty nappies and sanitary products
- Pet food pouches
- Clothes, bedding and other textiles
- Pet poo and bedding
- Crisp, sweet & biscuit wrappers

# Why do we recycle?

## Helps our environment

Reduces pollution of water ways, reduces emissions caused by landfill and burning rubbish.



## Saves natural resources

Reduces deforestation, impact of mining, soil erosion, etc.



## Creates new products

Recycling creates new products for us to buy and recycle again and again!



## Creates jobs

Workers, maintenance, factory designers, engineers, reprocessors and more! New technology developed.



## It shows we care

Recycling at home and school shows that we care for the environment, for nature and for where we live.



## Saves energy

Recycling saves energy and water when compared to creating brand new products.

# Bird Spotting Challenge

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family. Look out for these birds and tick off those you see.



Blackbird



Blue Tit



Magpie



Pigeon



Sparrow

# SUMMER TERM CHALLENGES



Complete 3 or more of the following challenges

2.

Help protect wildlife by promising to always put your rubbish in the bin and not drop it on the floor. Sign the Litter Pledge on page 15 of this booklet.

Place sticker here when complete

4.

Find out what day of the week the recycling lorry comes to your house. See if you can spot it!

Place sticker here when complete

1.

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family.

Look out for the flowers on page 13 and tick off those you see.

Place sticker here when complete

3.

Use a magnifying glass to look closely at bugs and plants.

Draw a picture of what you see close up and show your teacher.

Place sticker here when complete

5.

Ask your teacher to visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle) and download the 'Create your own recycling poster' to create recycling posters to use at home or around school.

Place sticker here when complete

# Flower Spotting Challenge

Go out for a walk, on your bike or scooter with your family. Look out for these flowers and tick off those you see.



Buttercups



Daisy



Dandelion



Lavender



Rose

# Colour in lorry

Design a new style lorry, add a driver, the bin crew and fill in the background with houses and trees. Make it colourful and add a recycling message or logo on the side. Show your teacher when completed.



Cut out, stick up and keep



Dropping crisp packets, drinks cans, food and other rubbish on the floor is known as littering.

This can harm animals, birds and other wildlife and looks ugly.

**I will always place my rubbish in the bin or take it home with me to throw away there.**

**I promise I will not litter.**

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Sign your name here

# My Litter Pledge



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Date

