

## GARWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Garway Primary School is celebrating its 3rd successive Eco Schools "Green flag" award. As only the second school in Herefordshire to achieve this prestigious award, pupils, staff, parents and governors have had to demonstrate a commitment to making environmental issues a part of school life.

On 23 March the school also held its annual eco action day. Year 5 pupils joined representatives from the Herefordshire Nature Trust in planting hedges and digging ponds on Garway Hill, as well as carrying out an audit of bird nesting boxes.

Parents, Christine Davies, Yvonne Button, Phil Jones, Martin Lambert, Victoria ? Anney Wood and Claire Hamblin Davies joined forces with pupils to make a "raised bed" for playgroup and Reception children, plant a new hedge to create an area for "forest schools", planted crops including onions, garlic, carrots and parsnips in the polytunnel, installed a new water butt and solar pump for the school pond and raised all the existing nest boxes in the school grounds.

Villager, Mr Malcolm Howard, generously gave up his Monday morning to help a small group of year 6 children to make a squirrel feeder!

Year 6 pupils were also busy on 25th March - helping out with the village Lenten soup kitchen. As well as organising floral arrangements for the tables, they made some bread and volunteered their services as waiters during their lunch break!

Finally, 31st March saw the world premier of four films made by some of the pupils of Garway, Ewyas Harold, Madley, Clehonger and Much Birch primary schools with film makers, Catcher Media to celebrate food and farming in South Herefordshire. The premier took place at the Borderlines Film Festival in the Courtyard, Hereford.

As well as appearing in front of the camera, the children (aged 4-11) were involved in all aspects of the production - scripting, working together in small film crews (directing, operating camera and sound equipment) and working alongside an editor and designer.

A local screening will be held at Garway Village Hall on Thursday 7th May (6:30 - 8:00 pm) - £1 adults, 50p children.