

## **Staff from local business return to school**

**Members of Mabbett & Associates Ltd – a Glasgow based environmental, health and safety consulting and engineering firm – donned their water flow meters and digital thermometers to return to school for a day!**

Crookfur Primary School in Newton Mearns are participating in the Eco Schools Programme, an international programme which was introduced to the UK, including Scotland, in 1995 to promote environmental awareness in a way that links to most curriculum subjects. Schools can participate in an accredited award scheme to demonstrate to the wider community their commitment to continuous improvement of their environmental performance. Successful Eco Schools are awarded a Green Flag of accreditation. The staff and pupils at Crookfur Primary School are currently working towards their Green Flag Award and support to achieve this accreditation extends to the wider community including parents, local authorities and local businesses.

Geraldine Boylan, Ross Ramsay and Michael Lynch from Mabbett & Associates Ltd gave short, interactive presentations at the schools Eco Day in June. Michael gave a presentation to P4 pupils to increase their water efficiency awareness, highlighting some simple actions which can be taken to substantially reduce water use in the home and at school. The importance of water conservation to the continued well being of our planet was stressed, and pupils were encouraged to play their part for the environment by showering instead of bathing when possible and not leaving the tap running whilst brushing teeth, among many



other minor alterations to their daily routine which can conserve water.

Ross gave a presentation to P6 pupils on saving energy and alternative energy sources, with an explanation of climate change and its impact on our world today. He also discussed the simple things that children can do now to save energy and also talked about how they might help solve problems related to climate change when they grow up. Pupils were also involved in exercises designed to help them identify the various renewable technologies and the principles of climate change. P7 pupils listened as Geraldine discussed waste minimisation, highlighting the importance of recycling plastic, paper and cans and reusing plastic bags and both sides of the paper in their jotters to reduce the amount of waste which goes to landfill. The pupils then helped sort rubbish into recyclable and non-recyclable waste.

Julie McCluskey, a Class Teacher and the Eco School Committee Co-ordinator said, "We wish to thank Mabbett & Associates for their support. It is important that we engage with the local community and their support is invaluable to help us achieve our goal to continue to make environmental improvements by educating our next generation."

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