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**Green School News** 

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### <u>Fair Trade</u>

Many thanks to everyone who supported our fair trade expo in February, it was very successful and we felt that we spread the message of Fair Trade and the impact it is having on world. Keep an eye out for the fair trade symbol when shopping; it really does make a positive difference. Check out our school website for more information.

### Litter-less Lunch Week

We are starting our litter-less lunch week next week – starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of March.

The idea behind this is to encourage everyone to bring in a lunch where there is no disposable litter, plastics, tin foils etc. We want to change our behaviour and how we engage single use plastics and general waste. We are running it for just one week and we would love to see how much our school can cut down its waste during this period.

All children will have a new lunch box provided by the food dudes which are very beneficial. All children will also have a healthy lunch guide sent home which will provide ideas for litter-less lunches. We are a green school and we love to compost so we don't mind organic waste at all. So more organic and less plastic is ideal.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the green school committee. Also check out our website for updates. Below is a sample of the type of lunches we can bring to school rather than lunches using tin foil or plastics etc

Please make a special effort to support us on this as we look for our 6<sup>th</sup> green school flag.

The Green School Committee

**Example pictures of litter-less lunches** 





Recipe for a Litterless Lunch When packing a lunch for your child, consider the following ideas. Not only is this better for the environment but it can save you money as well.

## Here are some ideas to MUNCH on...

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<b>REUSABLE</b> lunch carrier	NO paper or plastic bags
<b>REUSABLE</b> containers (Tupperware, Rubbermaid, Lockables)	NO plastic wrap, foil, wax or Styrofoam
<b>REUSABLE</b> drink bottle or thermos	NO single-use cans or juice boxes
CLOTH NAPKIN to wash and re-use	NO paper napkins
SILVERWARE to wash and re-use	NO plastic forks/spoons
<b>HEALTHFUL</b> snacks	NO overly packaged/processed snacks







