

Alderman Pounder Infant and Nursery School

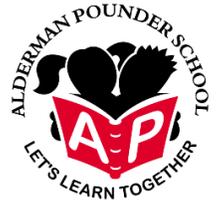
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you know that up to 30 percent of the energy production in the UK is wasted?



As an Eco school we know that we want to minimise how much we waste so we have had a big push on **saving energy** at school this week. The children helped us identify where we might be wasting energy and now we try to make sure that we do not leave doors open and that we turn off class electrical items when we leave the classroom.

To help us do this we followed up on two suggestions from our children's circle times. The first idea was to have **a check list** that we keep on the door to remind us to check that lights are off, electrical items are off and doors are closed before leaving a room.

The second idea was the "last person rule" where the last person to leave a room remembers to check that everything is turned off to save energy. We are hoping these suggestions will help us get in to some good eco habits.

Can you think of any ways that your family may be wasting energy at **home**? Perhaps you could have a similar checklist/last person rule to help you save energy and money! Some **key energy saving habits** you could adopt are:

- Only boiling the water you need in a Kettle.
- Lower your heating by 1 degree which can save 8 percent of your energy bill. (Or lower it more to save more!)
- Turn phone chargers off once your phone has charged as they continue to use energy.
- Buy energy efficient lights and turn off lights whenever you leave a room – even if just for a minute!
- Say goodbye to standby and make sure your t.v.s, computer games and other electrical items are completely off. (A Computer left on for 24 hours costs £25 per year to run and two thirds of the energy is used by the monitor – so think how much you could save!)

We have asked the children to think about how they can save energy at home as well as at school and lots of them have **designed signs** to help remind them what they really need to focus on – be it turning off their x box or remembering to turn off the bathroom light. Hopefully this will help to lead to them forming good habits and helping you to save money on your bills.

Why not have a look around your house as a family and see if you can identify all the ways you can save energy and money. Happy hunting and saving!

Thank you! The Eco Team

