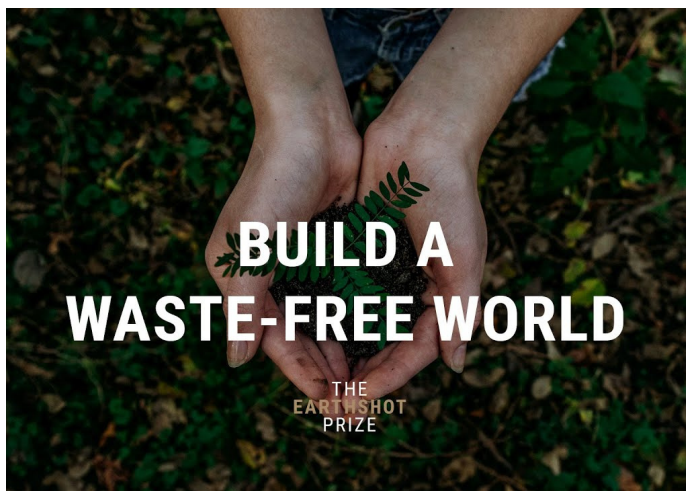


SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021

# ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER



**ARE YOU A FUTURE EARTHSHOT  
PRIZE WINNER?**



**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

**HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,**

In this week's newsletter William wrote about the COP26 summit that starts on the 31st October in Glasgow. William asked us to think about how we could help the planet ourselves- reducing food waste, recycling our plastics and trying to use our bikes, scooters and feet instead of the car.

My daughter is part of a Brownie troop who are looking to become 'waste warriors' over the half term. They have been tasked with becoming more waste aware by collecting everything that would be thrown in the bin for a week, gathering it together and taking a picture. We have to see if we can reduce this waste or reuse some of the things that were potentially thrown away. We also have to think about ways we can save water and put those ideas into action over the half term.

What are you doing as a family to help the environment? Perhaps this half term break is a good chance to put some ideas into action? Do share any top tips that you come up with.

## **FINAL Christmas card reminder: LIGHT, HOME & HOPE**

Last year we sent a Christmas card from St Columba's to every member of the congregation. In a difficult year, when so many people were isolated from friends and families, cards designed by our young people definitely brought a smile and a message of hope to many.

This year we would like to invite you to design a new Christmas card. We have chosen the theme LIGHT, HOME & HOPE. Your design can reflect the theme in any way you want. It may be part of the Jesus Christmas story, or something that relates to St Columba's, or one of your own completely different Christmas ideas. There is likely to be some reward for all entries!

A team at St Columba's will select the designs that become Christmas 2021 cards for the congregation. We will make the cards available to the congregation to buy and we hope you can start selling them at church on Sunday 14th November, after the Remembrance Sunday morning service.

Get creative. Get Christmassy. Get designing.

Entries to my email at [office@stcolumbas.org.uk](mailto:office@stcolumbas.org.uk) by Sunday 31st October 2021.

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Fiona has come up with some great activities for the weekend ahead and they can be found here <https://www.tumct.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/June-26-PS.pdf>  
[https://sermons4kids.com/speak\\_up\\_group\\_activities.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/speak_up_group_activities.htm)

We'll be taking a break for half term next week. So speak to you all soon. Have a safe and happy half term!

Lucy & The Sunday School Team