

Pollution/ Recycling Project – Key Stage 2, School Council and Eco- Council

Aims and outcomes:

- Children to deepen their knowledge of sustainable development and improving pollution issues we face.
- Children to have an understanding of how other countries systems work.
- Children to develop awareness of global issues. Children to learn about the cultures in other countries in the present day.

Activities:

We worked with our partner school in Kisumu to understand how all of our countries have a duty to care for the planet in various ways, in order to make the world sustainable. This was done through looking at the sustainable development goals (11, 12,13, 14, and 15). We looked at the effects of pollution and how we recycle in our cities and came up with goals of how they can improve these at a local level. The pupils presented their findings to our partner school in Kisumu, Kenya and in Barcelona, Spain by creating a video about all the ways we are learning to recycle and re-use items in our school.

“In Kisumu we have a problem with litter and pollution. Very often the council doesn’t remove rubbish from our bins and they overflow into our streets. It is very untidy. We try to reuse things ourselves, like lots of plastic bags tied together to make a football. Magazines are used by craftsman to make items like bowls to sell.” Simon Newberry School, Kisumu.



The school Eco Warriors and school councillors from across the school spent a day clearing rubbish from Rose Hill Woods where classes take part in Forest School activities.





Then some decided to continue this after school doing a litter pick in our local area. Within half an hour the children had filled six bags full! The next day during their lunchtime the children washed out bottles and cans placing these in recycling, whilst saving the plastic tops for the Early Years children to use.

"I enjoyed litter picking with the school council because it makes our town look better when there is no litter and it protects the ocean wildlife if we can recycle plastic bottles." KS1 Pupil



"If we want to see our local environment clean, it starts with us." KS2 Pupil



"I think we can really make a difference by teaching the people in our community to not drop litter and find ways to recycle." KS2 Pupil

Crisp Packets:

In addition to all the recycling discussed on the video, the eco warriors are now also collecting crisp packets in school. Children are not only recycling their packets at lunchtime; they are also bringing them in from home. This is being led by children rather than staff, for example a child in Year 3 was visiting a local school for a Maths workshop and when all the children had finished eating their crisps at snack time he collected in their packets to return back to our school to place in the recycling box. Here's an email from a parent who is helping us with his project:

Thank you eco-warriors 🌱🌍🌊🌿 Inbox x



Michelle Pearson

14:24 (6 hours ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

to me ▾

Thank you for your delivery of crisp packets today. I have sorted the box this afternoon, so it is empty and ready for refilling!

Here's some pictures of what we have so far! I have flattened all the packets and started a parcel. I think we need about this amount again before the parcel will be ready to send.

Thank you for your support 🌱🌍🌊🌿

Our school featured on the BBC's Blue Planet programme on 26th March 2019 and was recognised for the children's fantastic efforts towards becoming more eco.



Since making the video.... What the eco warriors want to do next:

- Recycle plastic at school.
- Lead an information stall at a fair.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycling project.
- Meet with the PTA, Mrs Miller and Diana the cook to reduce waste at lunchtimes.
- Stop plastic straws coming in our milks.
- Paperless week!
- Stop plastic cups in the dining hall.
- Oral Care recycling.



Mrs Smith: "A paperless week may be difficult, especially in maths, guided reading or when classes are practising for their SATs."

Nicholas: "Well, let's try a paperless day first. If it goes well, we should try two days next time. Then work up to a week! It will help us to think about reducing paper."

On Friday 24th May the school held a paperless day, this was requested by the eco council and teachers had to think outside the box for all of their learning activities during the day.