



Eco Newsletter Spring Term 2025-26



Whole school eco foci ~ Biodiversity, School Grounds, Healthy Living



Bird Watch – At the end of January, all classes took part in the annual RSPB Bird Watch. The children really enjoyed the chance to quietly observe nature and be part of a national project. We are really lucky on our site to be able to observe a multitude of birds including starlings, red kites, magpies, robins and black birds, amongst others.

Eco council – Well done to our eco councillors for continuing their important work. They have been involved in making bee hotels, weeding the raised beds and planting lavender and wild flowers for biodiversity (one of our whole school foci). They have also been learning about the ongoing problem of crisp packets for the environment as they are not permitted to go in home recycling bins and



consequently often end up in waterways or landfill. We found out that they can be recycled at Sainsburys, where the plastic is extracted and used to make other items such as benches. The wonderful eco councillors made crisp packet recycling stations from boxes around school, and presented their findings in a whole school assembly. Now the children place their crisp packets in



these recycling stations and they are periodically transported to Sainsburys. Well done eco councillors for making a real impact!

MP visit – Maidenhead MP Josh Reynolds came to visit us in March and talked to the children about local issues, including eco concerns.

Eco garden – Another huge thank you to Mr Taylor and Mr Meizoso - the kind parent helpers who came to assist Mrs Conroy and Mr Paxton with the construction of the polytunnel in the eco garden in the half term. We now have planting boxes and trellis in place within. We have had many children offering to give up part of their lunchtime to help with weeding in the eco garden. And finally, as Spring has begun to creep gently upon us, all classes have enjoyed some planting vegetables! We even have a herb patch!



Class sunflower competition – all classes have planted 3 sunflower seeds in class ready to be planted in the eco garden in May. There is a fierce competition for the tallest by the summer!

Eco Week – As we entered the planting and growing season, in the last week of term we turned our attention to some eco initiatives: *Earth Hour* – an hour of our week where we switched off all electricity and used the time to do something good for our planet, namely planting in the eco garden; *World Water Day* – the children learnt about conserving water in whole school assembly; *The Great Big School Clean Up* – litter picking to improve our local surroundings; *Just One Tree Day* – everyone was invited to wear something green and make a donation to this charity which supports reforestation. We raised £183.50 for this important charity – thank you for your generosity!



Thank you for all your support. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter!

Parent eco tip ~

To support biodiversity at home, look for **Rainforest Alliance Certified** products as these are produced in farms which prohibit deforestation to create agricultural land, and promote wildlife friendly farming techniques.

