

Go Green Day June 2024 – Whole-School Environmental Enrichment

Our school community came together for a very special enrichment event: Go Green Day 2024, organised entirely by our dedicated Eco-Warrior Team. The purpose of the day was to shine a spotlight on the importance of caring for our planet and to help children understand how everyday choices contribute to a more sustainable future. Led by pupil voice and grounded in our commitment to environmental stewardship, the day offered rich learning opportunities across all age groups.

Children and staff arrived dressed in shades of green, proudly showing their commitment to eco-friendly action. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed mufti donations, which will go towards purchasing a Hotbin composter - a sustainable solution that will help us drastically reduce food waste produced in school.

Whole-School Eco Initiatives

Throughout the day, pupils engaged in a series of practical, manageable initiatives designed to encourage more environmentally conscious habits both in and beyond school. These included:

- Walking or biking to school to reduce carbon emissions
- Car-sharing where walking wasn't possible
- Plastic-free lunchboxes, avoiding disposable containers and single-use wrappings
- No lights on in school for the entire day, helping pupils consider energy consumption
- Minimal use of electrical items, including a "no tea or coffee" challenge for staff!
- Outdoor learning for all classes, encouraging children to connect directly with nature

These activities helped pupils understand that sustainability is not only about large-scale change; it's also about consistent, thoughtful decisions made daily.

A Day Led by Pupil Voice

A particularly powerful element of this enrichment day was the role played by our Eco-Warrior Team. The pupils planned, communicated and helped deliver the key messages behind the event, demonstrating leadership, collaboration and deep understanding of environmental issues. Encouraging this form of pupil agency directly supports our school's aim of nurturing responsible, thoughtful citizens who recognise their ability to make a positive difference.

Curriculum and Personal Development Impact

Across the school, Go Green Day strengthened:

- Scientific understanding of sustainability, waste, recycling and energy
- Geographical knowledge about human impact on the planet
- Personal development, including responsibility, teamwork and citizenship
- Environmental vocabulary and the ability to articulate opinions about climate action
- Outdoor learning experiences, enhancing wellbeing and curiosity

Teachers reported high levels of engagement, with pupils speaking confidently about why their actions matter and how small changes contribute to a healthier Earth. Many children expressed pride in their efforts and showed enthusiasm for continuing these eco-friendly habits in the future.

A Community United for Change

Go Green Day 2024 was a wonderful example of what our school does best: coming together, thinking deeply, taking action, and empowering pupils to become ethical, knowledgeable and compassionate members of society. It showed our children that they have the **power to create change**, and that caring for the planet is something we must all do - not just on special days, but every day.

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