



GREEN NEWS!



Goldfield Green Environmental News

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Welcome to the first edition of this year's Goldfield Green News; our environmental news update.

Our Green News will help to keep you up to date with projects, activities and advice.

In keeping with our environmental policy, paper versions of newsletters will no longer be sent out.

Last year we replaced the leaky, original window walling which has certainly helped to make our school much more energy efficient. In this cold weather snap we are certainly enjoying keeping the heat in and the cold out!

This year, Year One's attention is on their garden. They plan to create an inviting environment for wildlife. Having taken advantage of their Autumn Seasonal Change Day they got outside, tidied, planted and started to prepare the area before the winter set in. With money raised from the cake sales they have been able to start making some exciting purchases...



A big thank you to Mr Whitehead for getting the bird houses up so quickly.



Keep watching the Year One area as there are more goodies to come...

We Need You!

If you have anything that you would like to donate to this area to help encourage the wildlife please contact us... we would love to hear from you!



Reduce Reuse Recycle

Mrs Stevens would like to collect your metal bottle tops (that have been carefully levered off). They can be brought into school and put into the **Recycle Box** outside the school office. Thank you!

Year One will be making fat balls to help the birds over these wintery weeks.



If you would like to make your own fat balls you can follow this easy step-by-step recipe:

One part lard/suet to two parts dry (wild bird seed, currants, sultanas, oats, bread, cake crumbs)

- Melt some lard or suet in a pan and add the dry mix. Stir well until the fat has all been absorbed and the mixture sticks together.
- Make a hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot and thread through a length of twine or string. Next pack the pot with your warm fat mixture.
- Place in the fridge overnight to set, then cut through and peel away the pot. Tie a big knot at one end of the twine to secure the cake.

As well as providing the birds with food throughout the winter months it is also important to ensure they have clean water as their natural water sources may be frozen.

Have you seen Goldfield's lovely new, golden bird bath? We shall be checking it daily to ensure it is clean and not frozen.



Another thank you to Mr Whitehead, for levelling the ground so that we could get it straight out into the garden.

Some 2017 United Nations Environmental Programme dates for your diaries:

- 2 Feb : World Wetlands Day
- 21 Mar : International day of Forests and The Trees
- 22 Mar : World Water Day
- 22 Apr : Earth Day
- 22 May : International Day for Biological Diversity
- 5 Jun : World Environment Day
- 16 Sep : International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 16 Oct : World Food Day

Get Inspired by nature

The Rob Plattel Art Challenge



Mr Birch has just launched the new Team House art challenge and we are all very excited to see how your children draw their inspiration from the natural environment around them.



Don't forget to place your entries into your team bin!

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