



GREEN NEWS!



Goldfield Green Environmental News

May 2017

We are pleased to have collated all your children's ideas into a Goldfield Eco Code of Conduct. This can be found on the Eco notice board, in all classrooms and on the Goldfield website.

Eco Code of Conduct

Reduce our use and waste of resources & energy

- Use resources sensibly and sparingly
- Turn lights off if the room is empty
- Turn taps off - do not leave them running
- Turn computers and monitors off at the end of the day

Reuse & Upcycle

- Reuse & collect water for watering plants
- Reuse garden waste to make compost
- Reuse unwanted items by giving them a new use/purpose

Recycle

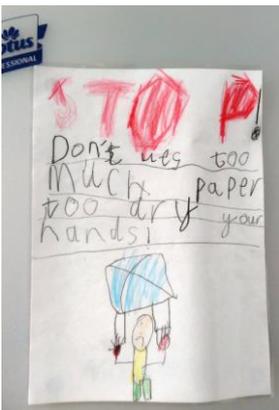
- Avoid sending items to landfill if they can be sent to recycling and/or be used again

Respect

- Never pick or damage the flowers, plants and trees
- Be kind and gentle to all living creatures
- Do not take anything away from nature
 - Never leave litter behind
- Take care to look after and protect our school environment



The children continue to spread their messages around the school...



Thank you to the Year One parents who



helped on gardening afternoon and for the plants donated. The garden is looking fab and is growing increasingly attractive to the local birds and 'beasties'. The children have enjoyed opening the windows to listen to the birdsong

and are becoming quite avid 'twitchers'! The garden has also proved to be very inspirational for their spring poetry writing which was simply amazing! Outdoor learning with nature is so enabling.



May is the perfect time to restart mowing grass and cutting back hedgerows.

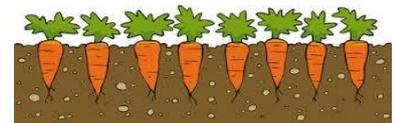


Please do look out for nesting birds before tackling those bushes!

Reception have been thinking about perspective and size and have now developed part of their playground. It has been transformed into a 'small world' area. It is so enriching for the children to play, explore and learn in the outdoor environment.



Nursery has also been busy planting vegetables to



promote sustainability and a healthy lifestyle. We cannot wait for them to grow so they can share the 'fruits of their labour' at the Nursery Farmers Market.

Details will be given nearer the time!!!



Year One's cake sale money continues to be put to good use. A wooden 'beehive' composter has arrived. It makes a beautiful and useful addition to the garden which,

together with the water butts, is now a self-sustaining environment. *To ensure longevity and safety we would kindly ask you not to allow children to climb on it, thank you.*



Two bat boxes have also been purchased and, thanks to Mr Whitehead, are already in situ waiting for their residents!



Bats are fascinating creatures living in close proximity to us. They are now awake and roosting. Sadly their natural habitats are becoming scarce and our gardens are growing ever more important to them. Bats are a sign of a green and healthy environment... if it is good for bats then it is also good for us too!



Bat-friendly gardening tips:

-  Plant night-scented flowers; evening primrose, honeysuckle, jasmine, moonflower, waterlily...
-  Plant native flowers and herbs which encourage a variety of insects; Corncockle, corn flower, mallow, primrose, scabious, field poppies, angelica, fennel, lavenders...
-  Put up a bat box (it can take months and sometimes years for bats to use them but they will return over and over)
-  Build a pond
-  Create linear features (hedgerows/trees)

We observed **International Day for World Biological Diversity** (Monday 22 May) by considering our impact on the environment. To help us Holly Butterworth from Dacorum's Waste Awareness team gave a whole-school assembly on the need to recycle. ***Did you know we will run out of space for landfill by 2018?*** Year One enjoyed a workshop with her, investigating materials and the recycling process. ***Did you know 25 plastic bottles can be recycled into a jumper?***



These pencils are made from recycled newspapers!



A child in Horse Chestnut showed us how to **upcycle** an old milk carton into a mobile phone.

After their wonderful visit to our school we would like to remind everybody about the Wendover Arms Trust open restoration day on 4th June at Drayton Beauchamp church 12:30 - 4:00



Spring a poem by Bruno Smith

Spring is here, is here
Daffodils swaying in the breeze
Chicks are cheeping
It's getting warmer and warmer
It's spring.
Soft blossom, pink as can be
Lambs springing in the grassy field
New spring buds
It is spring! It is spring!

“Waste less, Live more”

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