

Our green ethos has been embedded into our school for years and years! These are some of the sustainability things we do and wish to share with other members of the Stowe Valley MAT. We hope you enjoy.



Eco-Group

Our E-Group meets every Friday lunchtime, led by our amazing Mrs. Reason. We are involved with the Eco-schools scheme, a prestigious award that means that we try and be as environmentally friendly and sustainable as we can. This means we have been awarded 'The Green Flag' for more years than anyone can remember.

As an Eco-school we are asked to choose three from ten topics to concentrate on each year. We have chosen Waste, School grounds and Healthy Living and this term we have spent a lot of our time looking at waste and recycling.

Recycling is always at the top of our list to reduce landfill: we have classroom recycling bins; we collect crisp packets to be recycled; we send used pens off to be recycled too, which is an awkward item to recycle due to mixed materi-

als but we have found an organisation that takes and recycles them, raising money at the same time for Brain Tumour Research. Our most recent project is to collect used stamps and foreign coins. These are sold to collectors and the money raised is going to Motor Neurone Disease. We recycle uniform, run a book swap for parents and children and

We collect lavender from the school grounds and making lavender bags; we learned about bees and made a big picture of a beehive; we learned about autumn leaves and colours and raked and bagged them up to make leaf mould to use around the school gardens; we drew round our hands and made a hedgehog; we planted some bulbs and we have made recycled pencil pots using empty cardboard tubs and old wildlife magazines.

The children are very enthusiastic about these activities and they decide which projects we will aim to achieve creating an inclusive sustainability ethos for the young people in our school.

School Local Governing Body

We have a 'Sustainability Governor', Graham Folkes-Skinner, who is an absolute champion of sustainability. Graham ensures that being kind to the environment is always a priority for our school. We discuss sustainability at every governor meeting and Graham works with Stowe Valley MAT to put a clear focus on the importance of sustainability. Graham walks around the school regularly with Jacky Sykes (Head Teacher) to identify ways that we can become even more green. We did put in an application for solar panels, but were unfortunately unsuccessful—but we will keep trying!

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

Together we grow happy, responsible and adaptable individuals
who are ready to continue their life-journey.

Eco-Day—Friday 14th June

We held a whole school Eco-Day on Friday 14th June. All the children and staff came to school dressed in green this day! The children were in mixed-classes and all experienced different eco-activities linked to energy, the school grounds, water power, and more!



KS1 learning about wind energy and racing sail boats.



KS1 sorted rubbish into Re-use, Reduce, Re-cycle.



KS2 learning about water treatment and filtering dirty water through natural materials.



KS2 designing their own sustainable towns. These included EVPs, allotments, solar panels, hydro-power.



Other activities included decomposer mini-beasts that eat bio-waste followed by a bug hunt in our Forest School grounds. Also, some children learnt about hydro-power in Scotland and made and tested their own water wheels.

The day finished with a whole-school assembly when the children shared their experiences. Mr. Price, our Science Governor spoke to the children about 'sustainability consciousness' and about the children considering a science or a green career path in their futures.

The children were so excited about the day and were highly engaged in all the activities, thinking hard about the environment and asking many fantastic questions.