

ECO Newsletter

Term 1 & 2

Welcome to the fifth edition of Eco-News: a newsletter with updates from Hoo St Werburgh's Eco-Ambassadors on what we have been doing to make our school more environmentally friendly, as well as a few hints and tips to help you become more environmentally friendly at home.

World Ocean Day 23

Since our last newsletter we have had the big finale to our eco activities for 22-23 with a whole school event on 8th June for World

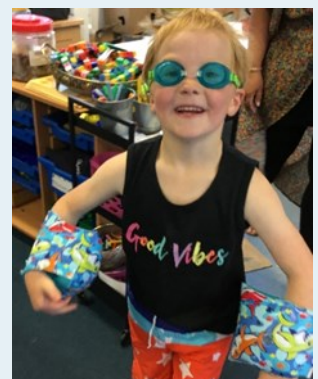


Ocean Day.

The children and staff embraced the theme and came to school dressed ready for the beach or as their favourite sea creature or character. They all looked amazing and this really added to the enjoyment of the day. Thank you to everyone that donated to the Marine Conservation Society, we [raised](#) £120.

The day began with a whole school assembly about the issue of plastic in our oceans. The children then went back to class to complete a range of activities planned by their class teachers, designed to inspire awe and wonder for our ocean creatures and help develop an understanding of the problems they face.

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As well as the impact humans can have both positively and negatively.

Each class also took part in a whole school collaborative art project; reusing old milk bottle tops to create large ocean themed pictures. The children were so proud of their efforts and couldn't wait to show their adults_ at the end of the day. Watch out for them being displayed around school soon.



Eco-School award 22-23

On 7th July we received the exciting news that we had been waiting for. Our application to renew our Eco-school status was successful and we had received our Eco-school flag for the second consecutive year. The Eco ambassador team were very excited with the news and we held a little party to celebrate their achievement.

The Eco-Schools team commented on our whole school commitment to our focus areas of marine, waste and biodiversity, stating that our World Ocean Day event had been a great success and that our curriculum links were practical, engaging and fun. They also commented that our eco-ambassadors are clearly a passionate and impressive group of young people. We couldn't agree more and are so proud of the whole team!



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We also had a nice surprise from the Medway Council Recycling team, who visited our school to do an assembly and some workshops earlier in the year; they emailed to say they were going to cover the cost of our application. They hope that by supporting schools in this way, more schools will become Green Flag holders in Medway and the fantastic eco work can continue and make a difference to the children, staff and school communities. Thank you, Medway Recycling, we really appreciate it as the money saved can now be spent on more eco initiatives across the school.

2023 / 24 Eco ambassador Team

With the success of our 22-23 application fresh in our minds, we have started the new academic year with a real enthusiasm for all things eco with a new eco-ambassador team being voted for by each class. Congratulations to the new team for being voted for by your class mates. Your enthusiasm and passion for the environment shone through in your speeches to your classes. The next step is for the ambassadors to undertake their environmental review and choose the 3 focus areas for 23-24 so watch this space.

The new ambassadors are:

Y1 - Hedgehogs	Liana		Y4 - Wolves	Natalie
Y1 - Rabbits	Frank		Y4 - Ocelots	Oscar
Y2 - Owls	Thomas		Y5 - Sharks	Quinn
Y2 - Robins	Marlowe		Y5 - Lions	Elsie-Mai
Y3 - Tigers	Sophia G		Y6 - Meerkats	Charlie
Y3 - Polar Bears	Zoe		Y6 -Pandas	Isabelle



Have yourself a very Eco Christmas

With the festive season looming, below is a few tips and tricks to make your Christmas more sustainable. Follow the link below for more info on each idea.

[Eco advent calendar - 24 tips for a more sustainable family Christmas - It's Our Planet Too](http://itsourplanettoo.co.uk)
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