



Harden Primary School Eco School Newsletter

ISSUE : May 'WELCOME TO OUR ECO SCHOOL'

Welcome to the first newsletter from the school's newly formed 'Eco Group'. We would like to keep you up to date on what is going on as we work towards our Eco Schools status. We have recently formed and have been evaluating the school and deciding on our priorities. We are made up of children from each year group, staff and have governor representation. Each half term we will send you a newsletter, written by the team, to keep you updated. We hope you enjoy reading.



What have we got listed on our action plan?

<p>Eco-Schools Topic 1</p> <p>Healthy Living</p> <p>Aim: Encourages children, and the whole community to take responsible health-related choices and actions that protect the environment.</p>	<p>Action(s): Each class grow its own fruit, vegetables, or herbs (EYFS develop a sensory garden)</p> <p>Start an eco-newsletter with hints and tips - include tasty and healthy recipe ideas (including plant-based recipes)</p> <p>Have a suggestion box, so they can address environmental concerns and combat eco-anxiety</p>	<p>How long will it take? Summer 1 – suggestion box Summer 2 – Eco newsletter Autumn – develop growing own veg</p> <p>Who is responsible? Suggestion box and Eco newsletter – Year 5 and 6 members. Develop growing own veg- whole committee</p>
<p>Eco-Schools Topic 2</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Aim: Create ways for children, staff and local community to work together to raise awareness of transport issues and come up with practical solutions that will make a real difference to the community's everyday lives.</p>	<p>Action(s): A walk to school week or any other similar campaign</p> <p>Survey the staffroom, do more than half of staff members walk, cycle, use public transport or car share to travel to school</p>	<p>How long will it take? Summer 1 – Survey teachers Summer 2 – Walk to school week</p> <p>Who is responsible? Survey teachers – Year 2, 3, 5 members Walk to school week – whole committee</p>
<p>Eco-Schools Topic 3</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Aim: Research the impact of litter on the environment and explores practical means for reducing and minimising the amount of litter produced by the school and in the local area of Harden.</p>	<p>Action(s): Participate on Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean</p> <p>Invite members of the school community (e.g., families, businesses, nearby schools, council members etc.) to participate in a litter-pick organised by the committee</p> <p>Written to head teacher/ local council/ MP/ pupil's families/ nearby businesses about litter-related issues</p>	<p>How long will it take? Summer 2 – Write letters Autumn 2022 – Invite community to litter picks Spring 2023 -</p> <p>Who is responsible? Write letters – Year 4 and 5 members Invite community to litter picks – all members</p>

What have we been up to recently?

We have designed a whole school information board and suggestion box to keep our school updated on what is important!



We have had a large focus on litter in the local school community. Look at these photos of some of us in action.



Featured Plant Based Recipe by Noah and Poppy in Year 5 Vegan pancakes -

Ingredients

Flour 1 cup
Almond milk 1 cup
Sugar 2tbsp
Apple cider vinegar 1tbsp
Baking powder 1tbsp
Vanilla 1tsp
Salt ½ tsp

1. In a medium bowl, add the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Then stir to combine.
 2. In a medium bowl or liquid measuring cup, add almond milk, apple cider vinegar, and vanilla,. Then stir to combine.
 3. Pour the liquid mixture into the dry mixture and whisk until smooth.
 4. Let batter rest for 5 minutes.
 5. Pour about ½ cup (65 grams) of batter onto a nonstick pan or griddle over medium heat.
 6. When the top begins to bubble, flip the pancake and cook until golden.
 7. Serve warm with maple syrup.
- Enjoy!



Important Notice

NOTICES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Please help pick litter up safely from your gardens and around your homes.



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Littering Facts That Will Surprise You. Did you know that...?

- Most of the litter collected is from food waste.
- Tons of litter end up in the ocean.
- Littering is illegal.
- Litter kills animals.
- Littering leads to animal attacks.

