

What can you do to support your child or children on their GREEN JOURNEY?

There are many things that you can do to support your child with environmental education at school, that will not only help to make our school a greener place, but it will also help you in doing your bit to help our local environment also. These include things such as:

Reinforcing **REDUCE**, **REUSE** and **RECYCLE** at home



Switching of lights and electricity when not in use, turning off taps, taking showers instead of baths etc

Listening to your child's views on issues such as buying more environmentally friendly products or opting for items with less plastics packaging



Take part in our **WALK TO SCHOOL** days to help us cut our carbon emissions

Come along to our weekend **BIG DIG**'s, raising awareness on the importance of **BIODIVERSITY** and caring for our school grounds



As well as supporting your child to make a difference, you may even save a little money, such as on your energy bills too!

Still not sure why we're teaching about environmental issues?



-  Plastic makes up 90% of all the rubbish floating in the World's oceans;
-  Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours;
-  Rainforests are being cut down at a rate of 100 acres per minute;
-  Fossil fuels are estimated to run out in our lifetime;
-  As many as 1 million sea creatures die each year due to plastic in our oceans.

Eco-Schools empowers pupils to make positive change...



... small steps make a **BIG DIFFERENCE!**



For more information on Eco-Schools check out:

www.ecoschools.org.uk

www.jointhepod.org/students

Or feel free to ask **Mrs Palmer** about any of the great Eco work we are doing in school.

Eco-Schools at Holway Park!

What is the Eco-Schools Programme?

Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging millions of children across 64 different countries, making it the largest environmental schools programme in the world.



Holway Park Primary School is now joining thousands of other schools around the UK in learning about the importance of environmental issues.

Eco-Schools is a growing phenomenon, which encourages young people to engage in their environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it. It starts in the classroom, it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in the community at large.



Our ultimate goal is to become a **GREEN FLAG SCHOOL!**

What does ECO-SCHOOLS focus on?

Eco-Schools focuses nine topics, that encompass every aspect of environmental issues and sustainability awareness. Every topic can be accessed by all ages, through careful planning of ideas and activities.



Children love to be empowered by the knowledge that what they are learning can really make a difference! Every aspect to what they learn is put into every day context and the children are able to put things into practice, such as making better choices on plastic waste or saving energy.



How are we delivering the ECO-SCHOOLS programme?

THE ECO TEAM

A key part of the programme is the Eco Team who are representatives from every class from Year 1 to 6. A new team will be elected every year and work to identify areas of our school which we can improve upon to make us greener. Our current team have named themselves the 'Eco Warriors' and through the course of the year will lead whole school campaigns, based on areas of the nine topics, such as LITTER and WATER. They will deliver assemblies and competitions, thus driving our school forward on our Eco journey.



ECO LESSONS TAUGHT IN CLASS

Every class in KS1 and KS2 will at some point in the year be taught a series of lessons on one or more of the nine topics. These lessons are child led, with the teaching designed to facilitate a curiosity about the world around us and how to help it.



TERMLY GREEN DAYS!

Once a term, the whole school will take part in a GREEN DAY, with a particular focus on one of the nine topics. During this day all classes will investigate one of the topics through fun, practical learning, through cross-curricular lessons, resulting in a whole school increase in awareness and celebration of our efforts to make our environment healthier.



Why is it important for our children to learn about environmental issues?

The sad truth is that our planet is changing at an alarming rate and we, as humans have done more to damage it in the last 100 years than ever before in history.

By educating our children about environmental issues, it will empower them to make more informed choices when it comes to huge issues such as waste and energy, thus helping our planet to be a healthier place for generations to come...

