

# ROUNDHILL ECO NEWSLETTER

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Hello and welcome to our Spring term Eco Newsletter. It has been brilliant to see the sun shining allowing us to spend more time outside in our new Eco Garden.

The Eco Committee were lucky enough to have Becky from Nature Parks visit earlier in the term. She walked the school site with us sharing her experience on new ideas which we could incorporate to make school greener. She also helped us to map our school boundary site on the nature park website showing us how GIS can be used to map existing and new habitats. This is part of a nationwide campaign by Nature Parks to green up more of England and is working in conjunction with the National History Museum in London.

We were really excited to be able to go into our new Eco Garden area especially with the arrival of the free hedge saplings from the Woodland Trust which were doated to us. The Eco Committee have been busy planting the saplings after school in Eco club as part of our aim to increase biodiversity in school for our green flag award. The students have done a super job.




As part of recycling week we had Leicester wombles in school presenting an assembly to year 7 and 8 highlighting the need to recycle and not just to throw rubbish to the ground. A big thank you to the Geography department who then continued this theme in lessons and took classes out around site to do litter picking – another great activity which not only helped improve our school community but contributes to the green flag award.



The recycling week also succeeded in saving 197KG of clothes going to landfill sites and raising £38.40 for the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Please also remember as a school community we are recycling plastic bottle tops which is helping Dove Cottage Hospice. Please do send in any you save at home and they can go into our recycling box in the main hall.



As one of the favorite activities the Eco Committee also continued to conduct energy surveys every Tuesday after school throughout the term and we are delighted by how few lights and projectors are left on now. This is a brilliant way of reducing our carbon emissions. The committee are really pleased with how everyone in school has responded.



Next term we are hoping to start growing some vegetables. A major aim is to have a shed or outside classroom for our Eco garden. If you know anyone who works for a company who could help with providing either of these or could help with raising funds for them we would be very grateful. We would also be particularly grateful if you had any spare seeds, pots, gardening tools which we could use.

As May approaches the national campaign for 'No Mow May' encourages everyone to let their gardens grow wild to help wildlife. We are pleased that the area outside the Eco Garden will not be mowed – perhaps this is something you could consider for your own gardens too.

Our next Eco Committee is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm in Humanities 1 until 4pm. All ideas to help the Eco garden or the school in general to become more sustainable would be gratefully received.

I hope you all have a restful Easter break.

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