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eco news

Brought to our students by Watling Academy Eco Committee

Tree-mendous Trips

Tree planting

By Mr Adams

In February the Eco Committee enjoyed a morning out to Middleton Wood and, with The Parks Trust's support, planted more than 70 saplings. This is going towards a new wood meadow that will increase green spaces in MK. Students then took their knowledge from The Parks Trust and applied this to the school where we are currently having a push to improve our green spaces.



Hazeley Wood

By Ms Cox

Back in December, the Eco Committee went on a trip to Hazeley Wood as part of the Parks Trust Environmental Awareness session. Just before October half term, the Eco Committee ran a form time competition to design the logo for the Committee and the two forms who engaged the most with the competition also got to go out on this trip.



Climate Summit

By Brenny Pearl

In late January, the Year 8 Eco Committee travelled to the University of Bedfordshire to attend the first ever Key Stage 3 Climate Summit. We took part in an introductory quiz, which gave us lots of information. We then learnt how we are a 'Carbon Civilisation', and how we can help the environment. We then took part in a workshop, which helped us learn about food production and how we can prevent mass wastage of food. Afterwards we met environmental activist Serena Bashal, who talked to us about how we as young people can help the planet, as well as telling us about her time at COP26. We then met different companies at an exhibition. They explained what they are trying to do to help the planet. To close the day, Serena, as well as other speakers, answered our questions about how they help the planet in their roles. It was a very interesting and informative trip, and I am sure that everyone who attended it thoroughly enjoyed it.



BIODIVERSITY

By Mrs Honious

Students have planted 50 seed bombs in the courtyard area to hopefully attract a range of animals and insects into this space. Looking forward we are going to continue working around the school site to improve where we can.



Eco-Schools

Application checklist

- ✓ STEP 1 - Eco Committee
- ✓ STEP 2 - Environmental Review
- ✓ STEP 3 - Action Plan
- ✓ STEP 4 - Curriculum Links
- STEP 5 - Informing and Involving
- STEP 6 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- STEP 7 - Eco Code

Action topics:

#Waste #Litter #Biodiversity

The Big School Clean 2022

By Ms Piper

Throughout this final week of the Spring term, Eco Committee members are pairing up with students from the wider school community to take part in The Big School Clean 2022. This is a campaign to inspire children to get involved with caring for the environment, and is a partnership between children's author Sarah Roberts and charity Keep Britain Tidy. It's the seventh year of the campaign and this year is taking place from 25 March - 10 April. Take part at home too as part of The Great British Spring Clean!

