



HUNTLEY NEWS

Our School Vision

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GREEN ISSUE!!

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Eco committee

This term the children had the opportunity to join the 'Eco Committee' This is a new group we are setting up in school, to look at ways of making the school a 'greener' place and thinking about how we can make a difference to larger environmental issues. The children completed an application form and Mrs Goulding and Mrs Curtis had the very hard job of choosing committee members. We had so many applications- it was amazing to see that so many people wanted to be involved. Let me introduce you to Huntley School Eco committee.



We are starting the journey towards becoming a Bronze Eco school which is a national initiative. Obviously, it will be a whole school project but the eco committee will lead on this. We are in the process of completing a detailed audit, looking at different areas such as biodiversity, energy usage, global citizenship and school grounds. From this we will decide on three projects to carry out in school which will make a positive change.

World book day



This year our world book day theme was 'Going Green' Everyone certainly looked 'green' and during the day each class focussed on a different environmental book.

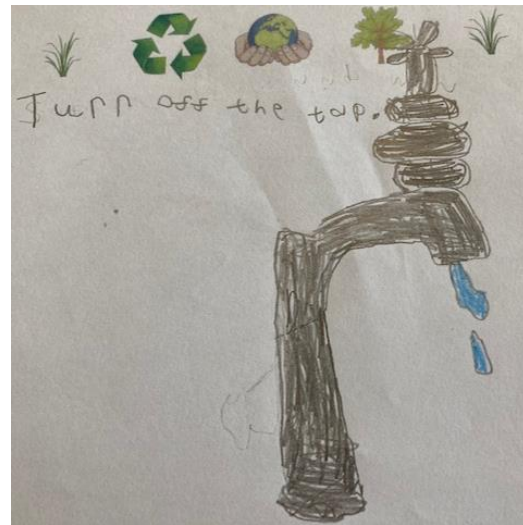


In the afternoon, we worked in houses to reuse and recycle 'rubbish' to make games for us to play together.

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Class Stream read the books 'Please help the Planet Earth' and 'A Planet full of Plastic'. They found out what we can do to help the planet. They produced some lovely posters about different environmental issues.



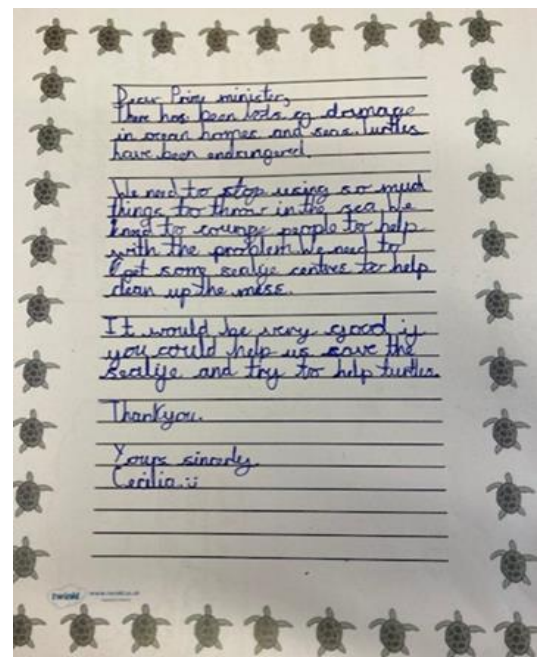
Class River read the book 'Dear Greenpeace' and thought about how they would look after a whale in their garden pond!

They looked at the issues that affect whales in the wild and what we can do to help protect the oceans.

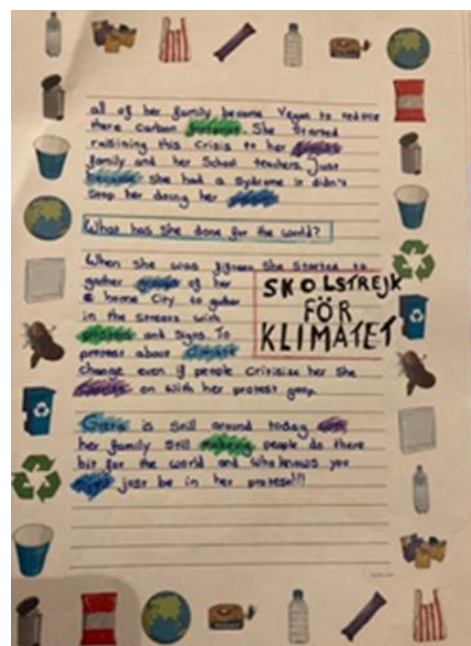
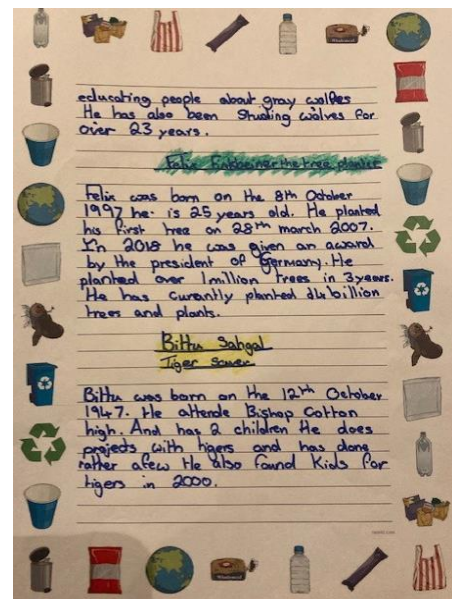
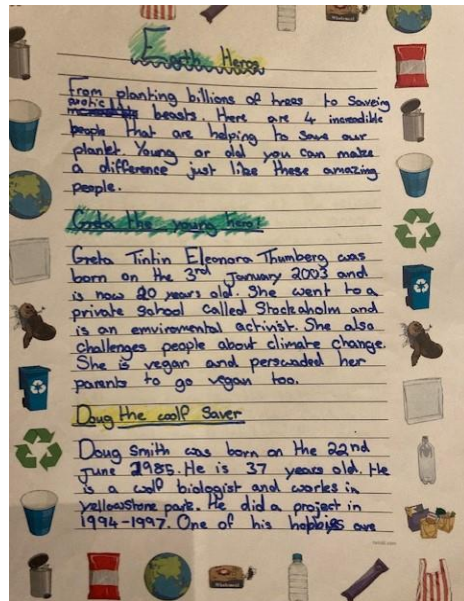
Coralie wrote this letter to highlight some of the issues and give ideas about things that could be done.

Class Estuary thought about what the earth might be like in the future if changes are not made. The year fives wrote a diary entry pretending they were living the future. They were a scary read!

Class Ocean found out about people who have carried out environmental work or campaigns



which have made a difference to the planet. The children chose an 'Earth warrior' to research and produced a fact file of their work. Betsy found about four different people- have a read. Maia found out a lot of information about Greta Thunberg.



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Litter picking



One of the first jobs for our Eco committee, along with the School Council, was to be part of a national litter picking project. It was launched here at Huntley and we were in the press. The children (see the article below) Firstly we had a collective worship and one on the street wardens told us about some of the issues with litter and some facts about the amount of/ different types of litter.

Then, on a very snowy day, the children braved the weather to carry out a litter pick around school, along the footpath and then in the park.

Kelsa said 'A lot of the litter we found was in the hedges. We used recycled litter pickers to get the rubbish out the hedges. We found some dog poo and the street warden sprayed around it'



Eco Egg- decorated egg competition

There were so many great entries covering a lot of different environmental themes. These included -reducing plastic waste, global warming, recycling and saving endangered species.

The entries were judged by members of the Newent Choral Society who were in school practicing Ahoy there with the choir. They had a very difficult job and were really impressed with the amazing decorated eggs.



There winners were:

R- Jacob, Y1- Tilly, Y2- Brody, Y3- Daisy, Y4- Eryn, Y5- Hamish and Y6- Grace



Tilly made her own recycling bin and used rubbish to fill it! The egg was beautifully decorated the Earth.

Jacob used egg shells and filled them with different things that could be recycled. One contained food waste, one cardboard and one plastic. The message was 'Be an eggcellent recycler.'



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Brody made polar icecaps and his message was 'Stop the melting of the icecaps' Eryn highlighted the need to save the seas and stop the pollution. The eggs were carefully painted fish.



Hamish, cleverly recycled a previous entry but added some tweaks. This car was now an electric model, complete with electric charging point!

Daisy reused a range of material to produce a garden with messages about different environmental issues. There was also a secret drawer with lots of fun facts in.

Grace made her eggs into a range of sea creatures. Her design highlighted the affects of pollution on sea life.



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Nature Quiz

Congratulations to our Nature quiz teams. Two teams went head to head and one of the teams has got through to the Gloucestershire semi-finals.

Our teams were A: Kelsa, Grace, Maia and Sophie. B: Harriet, Hamish, Lydia and Erin. Team B go through the next round after Easter

A Couple of other things....

This year's Science week had the theme of connections and classes explored this through a range of different activities.

It was great to see so many children carry out the special CLIVE challenge which looked at strawberry DNA!

Mr Gower – engineer visit



On the Tuesday of science week, we had a special visitor in school.

Ian Gower is an engineer and worked for Rolls Royce for many years, involved in the designing and building of jet plane engines. He actually brought in a jet engine to show us and explained what materials were used and the science behind the design.



CLIVE challenge certificates



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Huntley pupils tidy up for national Spring Clean campaign



Pupils from Huntley C of E Primary School braved the wintery temperatures last week to lend their voice to this year's Great Big School Clean campaign which kicks off later this week (17 March).

Supported by Forest of Dean District Council's street wardens, a team of twenty-five pupils from Huntley's new Eco Committee and their School Council took part in a walkabout around the village, collecting up pieces of litter as they went.

The Great Big School Clean is the annual flagship event of environmental charity, Keep Britain Tidy, specifically aimed at school-aged children and is the sister-campaign to the national Great British Spring Clean.

The campaign encourages young people from across the country to get involved in clearing up around where they live to benefit the environment, protect wildlife and provide cleaner, tidier streets.

Ella Curtis, Head Teacher of Huntley Primary School, said: "The children were very excited about the prospect of going litter picking with the Council's street warden team and while on the day it may have felt a little more of a 'winter clean' than a 'spring clean,' they were definitely all up for the challenge and well-prepared for the weather.

"The students have a strong awareness of the problems facing our planet and our newly formed Eco Committee are very keen to put forward their own ideas for tackling these issues. We are working towards the national Eco-schools award through interventions we are putting in place to make a

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difference in our school. The litter pick is a positive way for them to make a difference in their own community.”

Prior to heading out on their litter pick, pupils from Years 3 to 6 had the opportunity to learn more about the problems associated with litter at a school assembly and share their thoughts.

Councillor Richard Leppington, Cabinet Member for Finance and Waste at Forest of Dean District Council, said: “It’s fantastic how many of our local schools are getting behind this year’s event. If more would like to join in, the Council’s street wardens are on hand to assist them. However, it’s not just our younger generations that can get involved. Residents and community groups can get in touch with us and we will support them through loaning out equipment and picking up bags of collected litter, either from a pre-agreed location in the case of larger litter picks, or from the kerbside, just so long as the bags put out beside the refuse bin display one of our litter stickers.”

The Great Big School Clean and the Great British Spring Clean run concurrently until 2 April 2023.

Schools interested in booking a free assembly and litter pick with the Council’s street warden team can email them at: street.wardens@fdean.gov.uk

Residents or community groups wanting to borrow litter picking kit, book a collection of bags or request litter stickers to put on their own sacks which can then be presented beside the normal refuse bin, should contact the Forest of Dean District Council on 01594 810000 or email: contracts@publicagroup.uk