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ECO WARRIORS



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Weekly newsletter



Green fingers!

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Welcome back to Aiden - he left us for a little while but has rejoined the club and brought with him his artistic talents! We look forward to his contributions to the new team badge.

THE LATEST STATS

"In China, emissions fell 25% at the start of 2021 as people were instructed to stay home because of the Covid-19 pandemic."

NEW THIS WEEK

Thanks to a contribution from Penny, the lovely Air B&B host in Wales, we have two brand new plants in the eco garden! See below for more information.

GROUND FORCE, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

BY MISS SPENCER AND THE ECO WARRIORS.

The Eco Warriors have been working hard to get started on our summer project of rejuvenating the eco garden. Thanks to the expertise and guidance of the site team, we now have a marked out path throughout the garden and everything is looking lively and tidy.

With an abundance of bug hotels, a mouse family, hedgehog houses and bird feeders we are confident that we can add to the list 'bees' as we embark on a plan to plant a wildflower meadow.

This week the Eco Warriors have photographed and are in the process of identifying a variety of wildflowers growing in the garden. This is so that we can keep track of what needs watering/maintaining and when.

We look forward to a visit from Miss Spencer's own mum (a professional gardener) who has offered to help plant a wildflower meadow and give advice on how to maintain it properly!

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HOW OUR STUDENTS CAN HELP THE ECO WARRIORS.

The Eco Warriors need the help of our staff and students in order to create a more environmentally friendly space to enjoy together. Below are a few things you can do to help us:

- Use the various different bins around the academy to dispose of litter.
- If you see any litter on the floor, pick it up and dispose of it.
- Avoid printing unnecessary resources or use scrap/recycled paper to do so.
- Bring a reusable water bottle to school instead of purchasing single use plastic bottles.

Coming up, next week:

The Eco Warriors will be continuing to identify wild flowers in the eco garden and watering/maintaining them.

We will also be starting to renovate some old classroom chairs to create a relaxing seating area near the pond!

AN ECO FRIENDLY GETAWAY

As the gorgeous weather arrived just in time for our half term holiday, I (Miss Spencer) took myself to Wales for an extraordinary eco friendly getaway. Penny, the amazing Air B&B host, makes eco friendly toilets for local schools and prides herself on her flock of sheep, family of chickens, wildflower meadow and eco friendly cabins (handmade by her husband and son). The lodge was amazing - I was surrounded by nature, sheep and even a mouse that made an appearance at night time! No electricity, internet or plastic - just pure eco friendly relaxation. A few ways in which Penny ensured an eco friendly getaway included:

- Providing free range eggs, harvested from her own chickens
- Having solar powered energy throughout the accommodation
- Having an eco friendly toilet (thankfully, no spiders were lurking!)
- Growing and tending to a wildflower meadow to attract bees
- Starting an apple orchard (apparently ash is a great fertiliser!)
- Providing specific bins: one for food waste and one for plastic

See the images (above and below) for the incredible eco friendly service provided by Penny and her family. Not only did she provide a relaxing getaway but she donated two campion plants to the Woodkirk eco garden! We will keep in touch and use her expertise to improve our local environment.

