All Different: All Equal: All Protecting Our Planet

Introduction

Protecting our Planet and taking action against climate change is extremely important to pupils/ students at The GLC. They recognise that it is up to them to 'Be the Change'. With that in mind they have worked together to build upon the social action work they did during the last academic year. This work received recognition at the Ormiston #WeWill awards ceremony in July 2023.



Our Eco Warrior team across the GLC worked together to identify their objectives for 2024-2025:

- Be positive role models for peers, family, teachers and our community
- Promote the importance of looking after our planet
- Develop an eco pledge
- Encourage peers, family, teachers and our community to make changes
- Identify and lead change projects to achieve the Eco Schools Award

This was used to shape the actions they would take throughout the year, with key activities identified below:

- Eco Pledge
- Eco Family Fest
- Eco Schools award

Eco Pledges

All GLC primary academies now have an Eco Pledge which was developed by the pupil/ student leaders with their peers. In line with the GLC motto, they are all different, all equal and reflect the unique characteristics of each academy.



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HERRINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY ECO-PLEDGE

1

We will care for and increase the biodiversity in our area, through planting and creating spaces for wildlife to grow and live.



2



We will optimise our energy usage, using class electricians to remind others to turn of switches and conserving energy where we can.

3

We will encourage students and our community to use their cars less, to help reduce pollution in our local area.



4



We will reuse, reduce and recycle as much as possible.

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GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy
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LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY ECO-PLEDGE

1. We will reuse, reduce and recycle as much as possible.



2. We will encourage students and staff to waste less food by composting appropriate foods that have not been eaten.



3. We will optimise our energy usage by turning off lights, interactive whiteboards and conserving energy where we can.



4. We will protect our environment in school and in the community, promoting and caring for biodiversity in the wider world.



5. We will encourage our community to take an active role in improving our environment by holding regular litter picks in different areas of our town. In doing this, we will educate the community on the detrimental impact that litter has on our environment and wildlife.



Eco-Schools
Green Flag Award

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TILBURY PIONEER ACADEMY ECO-PLEDGE

1



All Pioneers will reuse, reduce and recycle as much as possible both in school and at home.

All Pioneers will save energy and water, wherever and whenever we can.

2



3



All Pioneers will support each other to waste less food and compost all that we can.

All Pioneers will strive to protect our environment in school and in our community, to care for bio-diversity across the planet.

4



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Eco Pledge Outcomes and Benefits

- Children were keen to ask parents to sign up to their Eco Pledge. They designed a poster, set up a stall and asked people to sign up. They were disappointed with the low response.

GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA
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- HPA also took a different approach asking parents and children to add their own pledge with fabric pens to a large sheet.



Next Steps

- Find different ways to communicate and encourage sign ups to the Eco Pledge, from young people, parents, staff and the community

Eco Family Fests

Planning

Pupil/ student leaders across The GLC have raised awareness in lots of ways about the importance of protecting our planet..

Each academy worked with a community member, Les Morgan to plan and organise an Eco Family Fest that would achieve their objectives of being positive role models, raising awareness and encouraging others to make changes.









Eco Family Fests

Eco leaders liaised with Maths leads to incorporate 'My Money Week' and with English leads to include activities to develop pleasure for reading. Previously the activities planned for 'My Money Week' used a lot of non recyclable materials such as plastic to make items or as containers for food and drinks. This year the 'rules' the Eco Leaders created meant that children were much more creative than previous years. For instance, selling items on all the stalls was replaced with some stalls having a fruit machine game [with children as the machine] or penalty shoot outs. Children and staff noticed that activities like this looked after health and wellbeing as well as being amongst the highest earners.

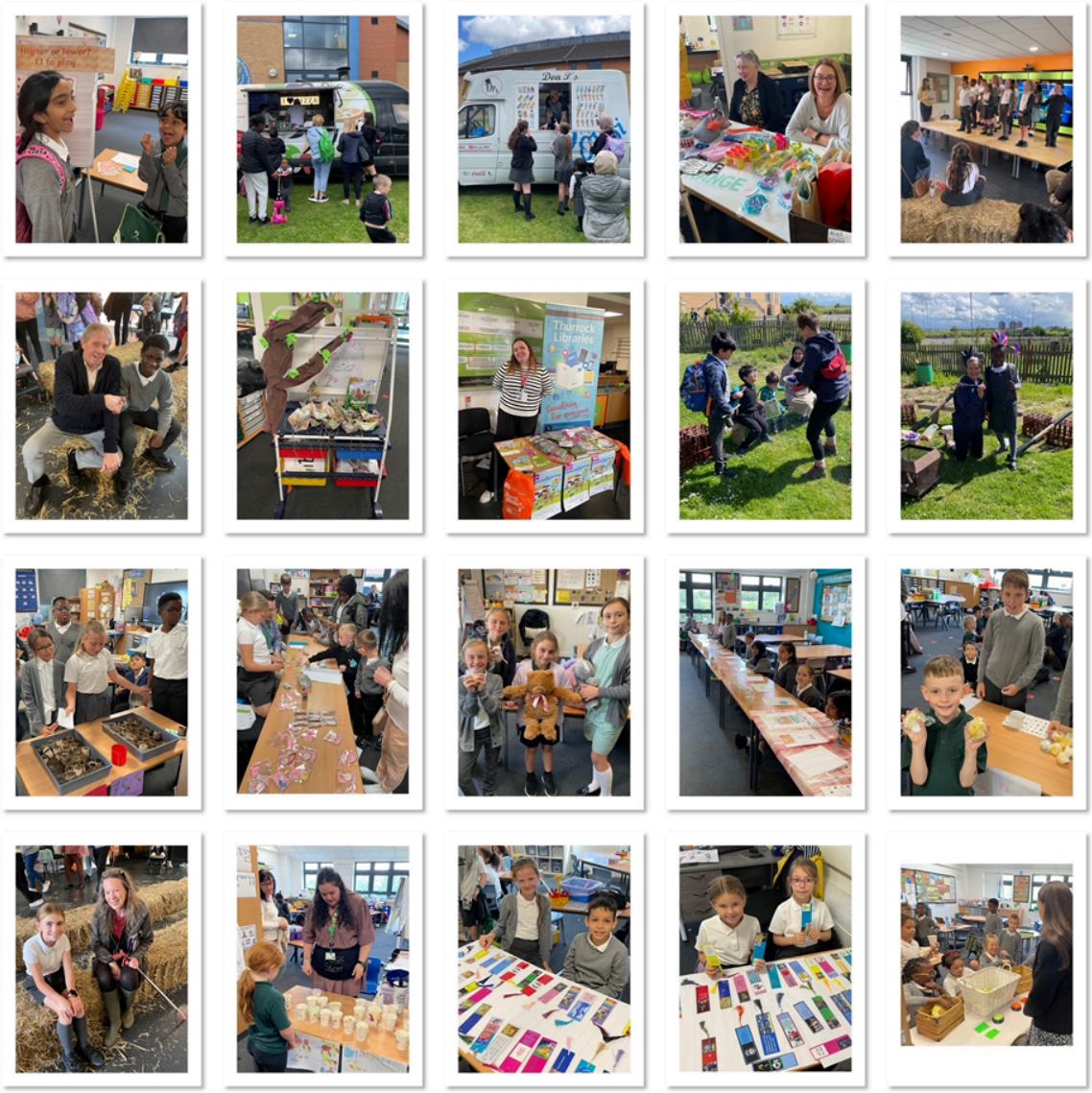








"Thank you for inviting me and showing me around your Eco Fest this afternoon! It was the first time I have ever been inside the school. I really enjoyed wandering around and chatting to the kids was really inspiring.
The school is doing a great job teaching how important caring for everything and everyone is. There were some lovely examples of that sentiment written in so many places I saw as I looked around…"



"...Chatting to the children about how happy caring for things can make you, opens up lots of great conversations too!
One pupil told me I was doing a very 'special' job and that made me smile. Haha. The singing was so good! I sat and listened for ages. I loved the song 'When I grow up' You have some very talented and confident kids who were really enjoying themselves. Well done to everyone involved today. You are all very promising Eco Warriors!" **- Lynn, Community Eco Warrior**







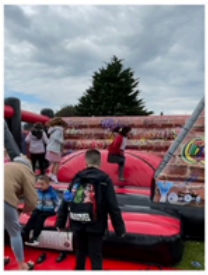
















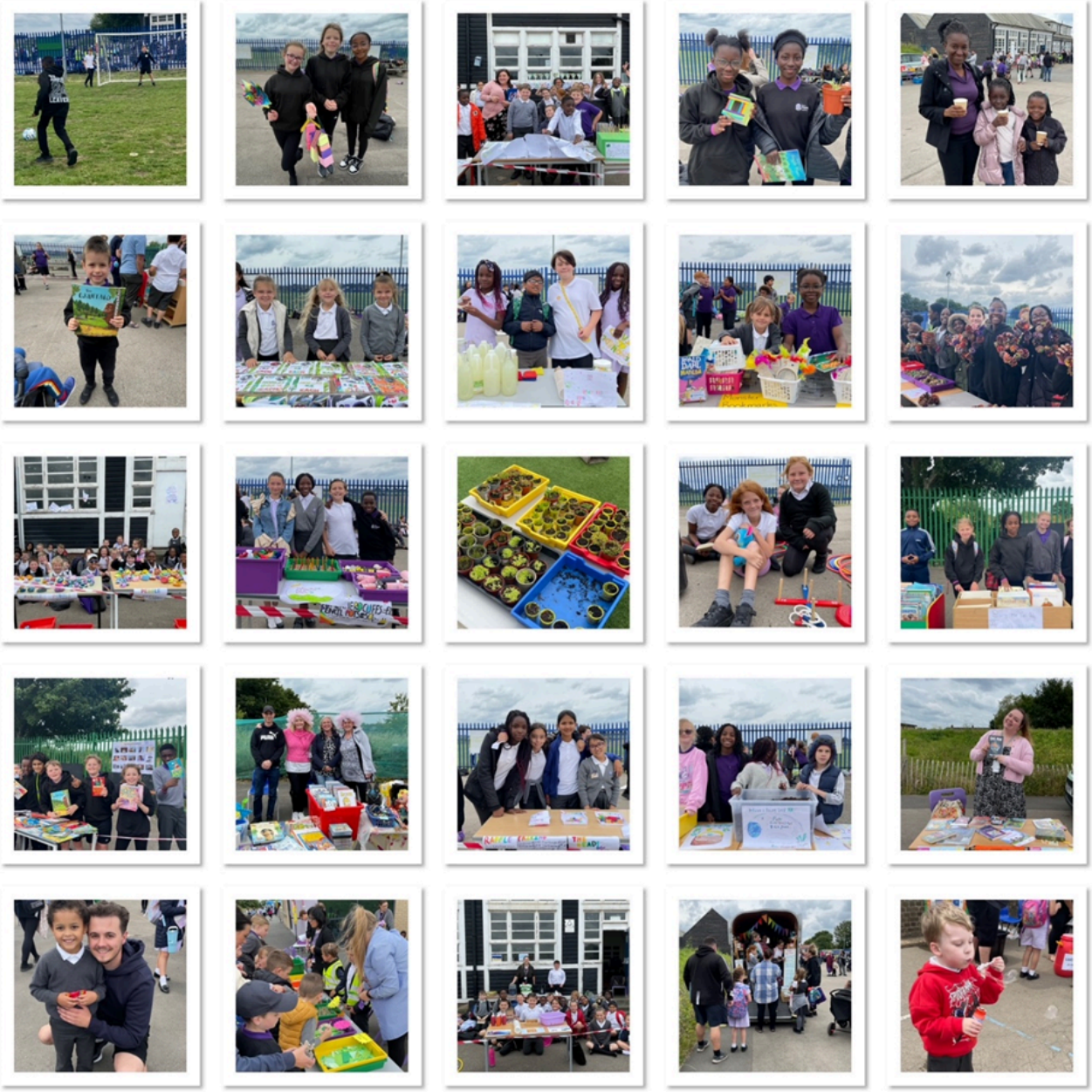

"...Once again what a wonderful afternoon, so much enthusiasm amongst the children and staff. Bouncy castles, craft stalls and the children's homemade lemonade and cakes made for a brilliant day! Thank you Herringham for a wonderful afternoon and I look forward to tomorrow at Lansdowne…" **- Les Morgan, Chairman of the Tilbury Riverside Project**

"Everyone worked really hard, well done. The refill cabin was a fantastic addition to the day, the parents were really interested." **- Sam Otto, Head of School**



"...Today was the turn of Lansdowne Primary to have their Eco Fest Day and what a wonderful day it was, the sun shone down on the playing field full of children and their families. Amongst the many stalls run by the children and assisted by the teachers, was a petting zoo, penalty shoot outs and stories around the campfire. Once again it was a wonderful day so well done Lansdowne…" **- Les Morgan, Chairman of the Tilbury Riverside Project**

"I really enjoyed watching my son perform in the choir, they were fantastic" **- Parent**



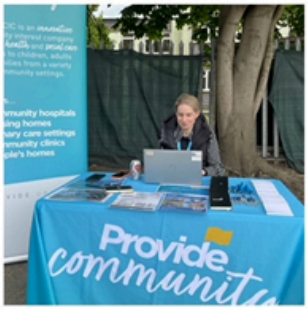
"...Once again what a wonderful day was had, it was the turn for Pioneer to celebrate their Eco fest day, and they certainly never let us down. As I approached the playground I could hear the sound of excited children and I could see why, there were many stalls selling everything from books to key rings and lucky dips to lemonade, which I must say was very nice.. All the stalls were run by the enthusiastic kiddies assisted by the staff. I had 3 goes at naming the bear that if I win I'll have to build an extension…" "...So summing up, the 4 days I have spent with the schools has been an absolute pleasure and made me a very proud Tilbury man." **- Les Morgan, Chairman of the Tilbury Riverside Project**

Community Partners

Community partners were thrilled to support the Eco Family Fests, showcasing their businesses and providing entertainment for families.

































Eco Family Fest - Book Swap

English leads worked with pupil librarians to create a 'Book Swap' stall and Eco leaders persuaded Miss Bevan to tell stories with a didgeridoo around a campfire.









Author Visit at the Gateway Academy

At the Gateway Academy, the award-winning Essex author Ray Star attended during 'Go Green week' to complete a creative writing workshop with 150 Key Stage 3 and Year 9 students. The workshop centred around her book 'Earthlings'. Ray's 'Earthlings' trilogy focuses on the extent to which our consumption of livestock causes mass destruction to the animal population. Throughout the presentation part of the workshop students were presented with the hard-hitting facts and figures relating to the lifespan of the most popular livestock within the UK; along with an endearing story of what happens to chicks that are raised in primary schools during the Easter term as part of the popular 'watch them hatch' scheme. By sharing her own lived experiences and thought processes, Ray empowered all of our students to be able to come up with an original idea for their own piece of creative writing that was based on something that they felt passionate about. Students flourished throughout the workshop each being able to plan a thought provoking purpose, protagonist, setting and antagonist for their own story.



Eco Family Fest Outcomes and Benefits

- The Eco Fests, despite some of the worse weather conditions we have ever seen in June, were a huge success. Eco leaders spoke about how the whole community came together-pupils, staff, parents and local community members. They described how all teams [including those who don't usually get involved] and all classes used their communication and critical thinking skills to plan and adapt [due to the weather] a large-scale event. Key benefits were captured by key stakeholders.
- The book swap was a highlight at Gateway Primary Free School and is now a half termly feature. Following the author visit, many students have said that they felt privileged to have the opportunity to meet a published author. Pupils said;

  "I have never had the confidence to write my own story but now feel I have the skills to start that journey." **- Year 8 pupils**

  "It would've been nice if we could have had the visit before the assessment so that they could use the skills in their creative writing term three assessment. " **- Year 7 pupils**

Highlights - Pupils/ Staff Perspective



The GLC Eco Family Fest Data

	Children who planned	Children who participated	Parents	Partnerships	Governors	Money Raised
GA	4	0	0	1	0	0
GPFS	6	Whole School	75%	7	1	£409.56
HPA	8	Whole School	83%	8	1	£463.24
LPA	14	Whole School	88%	12	1	£1700
TPA	6	Whole School	72%	6	1	£1300

- Children and staff were pleased with the number of parents and positive feedback from those who attended
- The partnerships made were mutually beneficial and will be further developed throughout next year, for instance, the refill station will visit schools each half term
- Money raised will be used to further support activities that will promote sustainability within the academy and the wider community

Key Learning Points



Next Steps



- Advertise the Eco Family Fests more widely and ensure clarity about responsibilities earlier, including more pupils, parents and community partners
- Ensure there is a clear wet weather plan
- In 2024-2025, the Family Fest will be further developed to add a Cultural aspect as part of the Telling Our Story project.

Eco Schools Award

All GLC academies have worked on achieving the Eco Schools Award. Gateway Primary Free School, Herringham Primary Academy and Lansdowne Primary Academy have achieved their award. Miss Bevan supported the leads to complete their application.

Next Steps

- Continue to explore the Eco Schools framework to identify areas to develop and gather the impact
- Pioneer and Gateway Academy to achieve their award.
- All schools to achieve the Green Flag award.