



Edenhurst Preparatory Eco and Forest School



As part of our whole school development we are trying to ensure that every year group is covering aspects of eco work through different subject areas and we hope that our children will wish to transfer their learning to their home lives and contribute in helping the environment by considering the following 9 issues.

As an Eco school we commit to improving our knowledge, skills and understanding in the following areas;

1. Energy (e.g. reducing electricity and gas usage and investigating renewable energy).
2. Water (e.g. water conservation and drinking water for happy, healthy minds and bodies).
3. Biodiversity (e.g. to increase understanding and actual biodiversity on school grounds and at home).
4. Schools grounds (e.g. to increase biodiversity, and use the grounds for physical and environmental activities).
5. Healthy living (e.g. to encourage and promote healthy living).
6. Transport (e.g. to reduce transport needed when possible, by car sharing, minibus use etc.).
7. Litter (to reduce litter in our immediate and surrounding areas).
8. Waste (e.g. to reduce the amount of waste we produce, especially general waste through reducing, reusing and recycling).
9. Knowledge and understanding of global issue and create links with other countries.

The aim is that each class will provide the opportunity to complete a minimum of 10 activities per year in lesson time or during activity days, this will be rewarded with a bronze certificate that will be presented to the children during assembly time (Edenhurst Forest Schools Scheme). It would be wonderful if pupils then complete more activities at home to gain more credits. To achieve the higher awards pupils **MUST** bring evidence in from activities they have completed at home. The scheme will be for all year groups from Reception - Prep 6.

10 completed activities (per year) = bronze certificate

20 completed activities (per year) = silver certificate

30 completed activities (per year) = gold certificate

40 completed activities (per year) = Outstanding Eco achievement award (blazer badge)

Pupils completing 40 activities may receive the Golden Ticket to take part in a mystery Eco Trip. This will be for the first 14 children achieving outstanding in KS1 and the first 14 children in KS2. To be eligible for the Golden Ticket all activities must be submitted by the first day back at school after the Easter holidays (dependent on available places on the bus).

Activities can be any outdoor/ eco activity that your child has completed at home independently or as part of a family activity e.g. going for a walk in the forest, going on a long cycle ride, planting seeds, playing sports, art work using recycled items, visiting National Trust or English Heritage properties and much much more. Evidence can be returned to your child's form teacher as a diary entry, photos, pictures, diagrams, writing etc. This should be on an A4 sheet, and can be handwritten or computer generated but must be clearly named and dated. Each activity can only be submitted once per year to encourage a range of different experiences. E.g. playing football can only be used once. However, more than one entry can be made from multiple activities at one location. The woodland Trust have many activities on their website suitable for pupils to complete at home. The National Trust also have a free scheme '50 Things to do before 11 3/4' that can be accessed online. Providing evidence is submitted to the school, these activities will gain your child credits towards their awards. For further suggestions or for enquiries such as the eligibility of an activity please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

All evidence/ work will be kept in pupils personal Eco folder. This will be passed on to new teachers as the children progress through the school. However, the reward scheme will be on an annual basis. The summer holidays are a perfect time for your child to kick start their Eco activities and work towards their personal awards.

Many thanks for your cooperation in helping your child and our school to work towards achieving Eco awards.

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