



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 10 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 issues and create links with other countries.
10. Marine life (to increase understanding and promote the protection of marine life in seas, rivers, canals and lakes).

In school every pupil will complete numerous Eco activities as environmental learning is embedded in our curriculum and extra curricular activities. If they wish to include these activities in their Eco folder they must complete the electronic slides at home (see information about Google Classroom below).

To achieve certificates children must complete and evidence activities at home. The scheme will be for all year groups from Reception - Prep 6.

This year we are going 'paper free' to be even more environmentally friendly. All children have their own school account which allows them to login to [Google Classroom](#). If they do not know their login details please contact their class teacher. They each have a personal copy of the electronic Eco Folder (Google Slides format) in the classroom. Google Slides saves work automatically. The following link will take you to a copy of the file to view.

Digital Eco Folder

There is one slide per activity (please do not add more slides). The slides should be varied and we would encourage your children to use images, drawings (scanned or computer generated), video clips (including videos of themselves doing or talking about the activity) and text.

Try to include a wide variety of activities! When your child has completed 40 activities they will be encouraged to present their slide show to the class.

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. 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 in the slideshow, 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. There are also suggested links on the first few slides.

All evidence/ work will be kept in pupils personal Eco folder online. This will be stored online and may be accessed by 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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