

Learning beyond the Classroom



Year 5 explored insect and natural life habitats, thinking about the impact of climate change. Samuel, Tyler and Ethan had an interesting discussion about how we would cope in school for an hour without electricity. They are working on a project to test this idea out. Discussions initiated by pupils represent the power of pupil voice at St Joseph's. Excellent work!



We are fortunate to have our extensive grounds to support outdoor learning. Our Forest area is a perfect platform for raising children's awareness of the environment

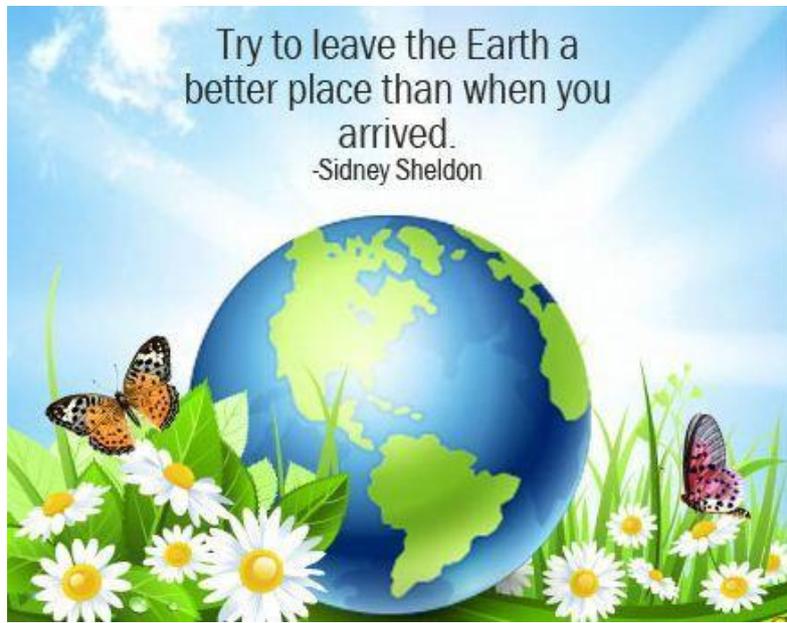


Year 2 and 3 have nurtured their outdoor areas, planting, caring for the fruit trees and sowing grass seed to regenerate the area outside the Year 3 classroom.

They started last term, and are fully engaged in this project.

I have every faith that our children will educate us all and their words of wisdom and actions on caring for the environment will be powerful.





Spring brings new life to St Joseph's School



Children read to the chicks, wrote them letters and instructions for others, telling them how to care for them.

It was an amazing learning opportunity and a life experience children will not forget.

It has encouraged children to ask Mrs Fernandes if we can consider having animals in our school.

Pupil voice is strong, so watch this space and see how things unfold!

Year 5 wrote letters to future generations to commemorate Earth Day

Dear Future generations,

I am writing you this letter hoping you can make a difference to the planet. It is Earth Day on the 22nd of April and a really important day because on this day we are protecting and helping our Earth. The goal is to keep our world a healthy world. Right now, I am going to list things you can do to help and things I have done to help. Firstly, you can start by making posters, recycling, re-using and any other creative ideas you have. Today I did a scavenger hunt which helped me to see how precious nature is.

It's honestly such a blessing to know we have an earth to live on and if we destroy that then we'd have to live with that guilt of destroying the ONLY planet we can live on. Today earth is counting on you to help. No matter your age, you can help.

Animals will continue to lose their homes, in fact animals will go extinct, especially sea animals. Just imagine your grandchild asking you "What's a fish?" The most honest answer would be "A fish is no longer in the world because us humans made them extinct." So please, I am on my knees, help us save our world. Let's make it a safe and healthy place again.

*Yours sincerely,
Vanessa*

Dear Future Generations,

Today we learnt about the important of taking care of the planet. Firstly, we have to stop cutting down trees. If we cut down trees that's means less oxygen and we are destroying animal's habitats. Spider monkeys are quickly losing their homes because of us cutting down their trees.

Secondly, the air is being contaminated with greenhouse gases like factories, cars and car exhaust. Thirdly, the ocean is dying because we are eating the fish. We are also killing whales you could be killing them and be taking from their family.

In order to protect the planet, I will persuade others and do my best to:

- . walk to school and not use the car*
- . reduce, reuse and recycle*
- . Don't cut down trees*
- . Don't litter*
- . Don't leave the lights on*
- . Don't leave the tap on*

Kind regards Simon

Dear Future Generations,

Today, we dove into Earth Day, and why it is important to shield our planet from dangers. First off, chopping down trees contains two key factors; the first is deforestation and the next is habitat loss. Orangutans are being condemned by it, and only a few are alive today. Secondly, oceans are being destroyed by rubbish and unnecessary plastic (bottles, forks, straws, etc). Thirdly, greenhouse gases are ruining the air we breathe. Factories, exhausts, and wildfires emit fumes and the lungs absorb this life-ending dirty air from those three toxins. We can save the earth by:

1. Put litter in the bin.

2. Turn off the lights in an unused room.

3. Turn off the tap when not being used.

4. Use cars less.

5. Reduce factory use.

6. Reuse, reduce, recycle. Reduce means to lower, reuse means to use again, and recycle means to give an old item a use.

Kind regards,

Frank Davey

Dear Future Generations,

Firstly, if we keep building cities in animal habitats then they will have nowhere to live. Secondly, If we continue to throw plastic into the ocean then the fish will eat it and die, or we will eat the plastic fish. Thirdly, If we keep cutting down trees then we will be limiting the earth's oxygen and soon there will be no more.

To keep our planet safe, we need to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Reusing is when you use the same thing over and over again. For example, if I were to buy a plastic water bottle from the shop and I drank all of the water, I could fill it up again and use it again. Reducing is when you do less things that harm the earth. So, If I said I would reduce the amount of paper I print every day, then that means I would do it less. Recycling is when you Change something into another thing, so if I took a piece of paper and changed it into another thing, then that would be recycling. Let's keep our planet safe and work together.

Kind Regards Blessing