

## Eco-Council News Spring 2024

Oakfield Primary School has been participating in 'Meat Free Mondays' since September 2023, joining over 3000 other UK schools in a movement that was launched in 2009 by Paul, Mary and Stella McCartney.

The aim of Meat Free Monday is to help protect our planet and our future as the growth of global animal agriculture is having alarming environmental consequences. In a nutshell, cows = methane = greenhouse gas = global warming! If we all try and eat one meat-free meal a week this could reduce consumption by 9000 tonnes a year, saving over 200,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, our personal health will benefit too!



Oakfield lunch menu on Mondays will continue to be only meat-free options. We encourage the children who bring packed lunches to school to also bring a vegan option on a Monday too.

As we are trying to become an Eco School this also falls into the healthy living category and the Eco Council will be trying to encourage the whole school including the staff to participate, because the small difference we make as a school can contribute to a more sustainable future.

For further information on the benefits of going meat-free, recipes and how to get more involved please follow the link- <https://meatfreemondays.com>

### Great Big School Clean



From the 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March we are participating in the Great Big School Clean. Each class will be litter picking at break and lunchtimes as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.

## Planting Wildflower Seeds

Last week the Eco-Council planted 7,500 native wildflower seeds in the school grounds to encourage bees and butterflies; this is part of our Eco-Schools action plan biodiversity topic. We can't wait to see what wildflowers start to grow!



## Big Walk and Wheel



## Stop Littering



**Calling all students we need your help to stop people from littering. So, put litter in the bins and if you see someone litter tell them to stop and pick it up!**



### FOO Clothes Recycling



**Good news!!**

FOO are helping us promote Oakfield's Eco values with the arrival of a school clothing recycling bin. This bin is located next to the bicycle rack, please place all your unwanted clothes/textile items in it. A smaller bin, specifically for uniform donations is on order and will be in place very soon.

We are happy we have found another way to help the environment.

## **Water Bottles**

As part of our Eco Schools 'Marine' topic we kindly ask that your child brings a reusable bottle to school for them to refill at one of our water stations.



Thank you for your support.





