

Eco-Council Update Summer Term.

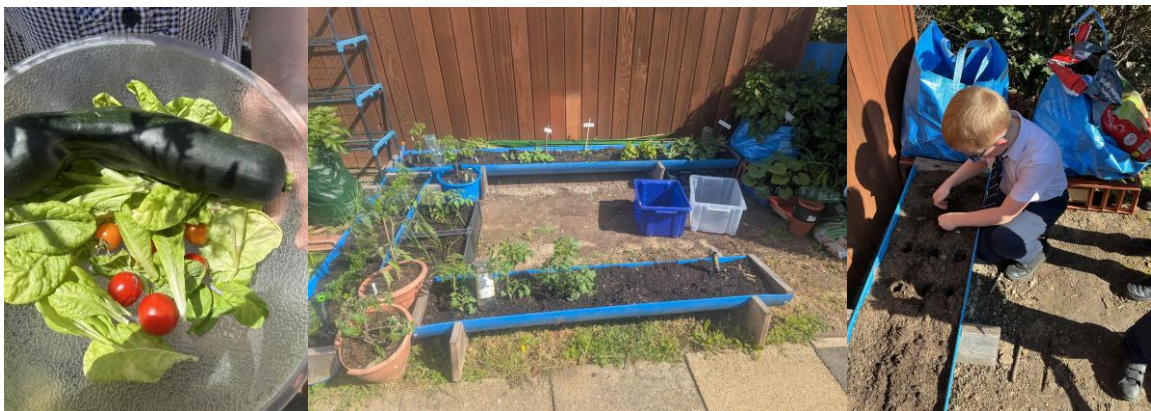
BIODIVERSITY AND SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Harvesting our potatoes- In June we harvested our potatoes. Mrs Pinchback emptied the potato bags, and some children from the Eco Council searched for the home-grown potatoes. The children learnt that you could have white and red potatoes and different varieties are better for mash, chips, and potato salad. When the children weighed the potatoes, they discovered they had 1785g of Cristina potatoes and 1515g of Casablanca potatoes.

To celebrate the children had a mini chip party; Mrs Franklin kindly cooked our potatoes in the kitchen and they were delicious. The rest of the potatoes are being used in the kitchen to make a potato salad for the salad bar.



Allotment- Our allotment has been a new addition to our school this year and the Eco team were extremely enthusiastic about growing their own vegetables and learnt about the germination process and what plants need to thrive. The children managed to grow radish, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, basil, lettuce, onions, courgettes- these vegetables were enjoyed in the school dinners, and the children also took some home to try.





Anglian in Bloom competition- Wickford in Bloom, a community volunteer group, are entering the Anglian in Bloom competition again this year and we are proud to announce that we have been asked to be one of the schools that contributes to their application as the Young Peoples Project under 12s category.

The Anglian in Bloom judges came to visit the school in July and were impressed with our bee corridor, allotment, and wild corner. They were even more impressed by the children's knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of gardening- we find out the results of the competition in September!



Perrywoods Garden Centre in Essex- We were lucky to have the opportunity to be part of Perrywoods wildlife campaign and were gifted a voucher to buy some bee friendly flowers to plant in our bee corridor. The garden centre then approached us to ask us to be involved in their advertising campaign and website, so we jumped at the chance! Four of the Eco team spoke about

what we do for our buzzy friends and why bees are important. Watch our Instagram reel here- [Instagram](#)

Here is the link to find out more about our involvement with Perrywoods Garden Centre-[Inspiring Children to Connect with Nature- Perrywood](#)

£10,000 Wildlife Campaign

We're proud to be working with **Essex Wildlife Trust** and **Bumblebee Conservation Trust** to help local primary schools create spaces that support wildlife and inspire children to connect with nature.

As part of our 2026 £10,000 wildlife campaign, we have given 45 primary schools a wildlife kit. Each kit is designed to support local biodiversity while creating engaging outdoor learning environments.

For more information, read our [news post](#).



Wild Corner- The Year 3 children made wildflower seed bombs on Earth Day in April and some were scattered into the wild corner along with some wildflower seeds from Perrywoods Garden Centre. The Year 2 children made bug hotels from recycled materials, and these were also added to the area to encourage insects.



Hedgehog Friendly Schools Gold Award- We sent off our application and evidence for the Hedgehog Friendly schools award, and we found out that we had been awarded the **gold award**. This is the highest award we could receive so we were proud of what we accomplished.

HEALTHY LIVING.

Green Heroes Award- To celebrate 15 years of the Green Tree awards the Woodlands Trust Oakfield Primary School completed 5 eco challenges including doing outdoor learning lessons in the fresh air and making pieces of natural art. We were awarded a certificate for our brilliant work!

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Total boxes of pen and glue lid recycling this academic year= 7 boxes.

Total full battery boxes this academic year= 1 box.