

Eco-Council Update Spring Term.

BIODIVERISTY AND SCHOOL GROUNDS.

BULBS4KIDS- In the spring term our school became a bright and colourful sight as the 600 bulbs around the school grounds and in our class planters sprung into life. We had some unusual sights including a triple headed daffodil!



Hedgehog award- The Eco team continued working on their 'Hedgehog Friendly Campus' award by raising money for the British Hedgehog Society. We raised enough to pay for Strimmer Warning stickers to be placed on groundskeeping equipment for one local council or contractor – helping make green spaces safer for hedgehogs and reducing deadly strimmer accidents.



Grow Your Own Potatoes project- Some of the Eco team prepared the potatoes we received from the 'Grow Your Own Potato' project. We left them in the school kitchen for a few weeks to 'chit' to encourage the potatoes to grow sprouts ready for planting. In March we planted the two varieties of potatoes- Casablanca and Cristina- into potato bags and recycling hessian bags. Over the next few months, the children then watered and checked on their potatoes and 'banked them up' as they grew.



ENERGY.

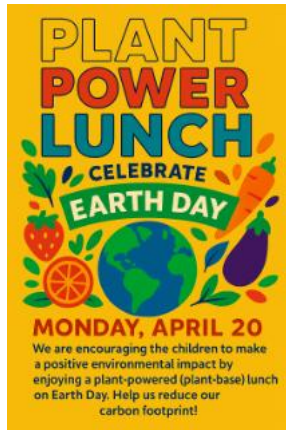
Our energy team continued their energy checks over the winter months to ensure our school was being energy efficient. Their weekly checks involved making sure the taps were turned off fully, checking empty classrooms had their lights and boards off, ensuring windows were closed and that the radiators were not blocked.

LITTER.

Spring Pickers challenge with Essex Wildlife Trust- This is the second year of taking part in the Spring Pickers challenge; the whole school participated in collecting litter on our school grounds and making our school safe for hedgehogs and other wildlife.



Earth Day-In April we celebrated Earth Day and offered a plant-powered lunch to celebrate. We had visitors from the Basildon recycling team who came in to present an assembly about recycling and the dangers of litter, In the afternoon the whole school took part in activities related to plastic pollution- the children made bottle shakers, bug hotels, bird feeders, watering cans, wildflower seed bombs, reusable bags from a t shirt, skittles and tin can alley from recycled materials and learnt about plastic pollution and the problems it causes for our planet.



WASTE.

The recycling team have sent off two boxes of pens and glue lids to be recycled and made into new products.

