

Crowmarsh Pre-School Environmental Sustainability Newsletter

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The Pre-School are committed to doing what we can to minimise our impact on the environment. I am Helen Barrett, the Climate Ambassador for the Pre-School. This newsletter aims to keep you informed of what we are doing and how you can get involved too!
(I have italicised items to show to where you can help)

Recycling

For families of Crowmarsh Pre-School children, we recycle:

- empty crisp packets
- empty fruit smoothie pouches
- finished pens, glue sticks and correction fluid

Put them in the white bins outside the main school gate. There is a separate bin per recycling scheme.

Re-using

We re-use:

- Rain water collected in two water butts in the garden
- Items that may otherwise be thrown away for planting e.g. tyres
- School uniform
Once you have finished with the Pre-School uniform, if in good condition, please return to the Pre-School and we can sell it to a new starter for a £1 in the same way as the Primary School.

Reduction

- No plastic straws
- No more glitter unless it is semi biodegradable or a rice alternative
- Nappy changing
*Currently, every nappy is placed in **two** plastic bags before going into the landfill. Please can you help to change this?
If every parent/carer provided biodegradable nappies, wipes and bags for their child who in nappies, it would make a big difference (or even if you are able to provide biodegradable bags, nappies or wipes it would help)*
- Wet clothes
When the children's clothes get wet, they are placed in a plastic bag to take home. Please can you provide a plastic bag that you can wash and return to their bag to be re-used wherever possible?
- Bin bags are being re-used instead of being thrown away each time the rubbish is emptied.
- Lunch boxes
- *We encourage you to use a reusable container for your child's lunch (e.g. sandwiches) or a beeswax wrap if you prefer. Please do not use cling film or sandwich bags if possible.*

Involving/Teaching Children about the environment and how to care for it

- The children scrape their food waste into the dedicated bin and they learn why it is important to recycle. For example, they wash their yoghurt pots and would normally re-use them for junk modelling.
- Forest School (when possible)
'Connecting with nature helps children feel part of the world'. Jane Worroll (co-author of Play the Forest School Way.
Typical activities include:
 - Sensory walks
 - Shelter building
 - Mini beast hunts
 - Tree climbing
 - Campfire cooking
- The garden

The children have planted and watered pansies in the garden this term:



We would like to give the children the experience of planting and growing fruit and vegetables to harvest and eat. There are two planting areas ready for this purpose. We would also like to plant a sensory garden.

Do you have the knowledge and time to help or do you know somebody in the community who does that would enjoy this project with the children?

Are you a business owner who is skilled in this area that would like to use this as an advertising opportunity?

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please support our efforts wherever possible. Together we can make a difference to our children's futures.

If you have any ideas or comments, please contact us.

Best wishes

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