



Sustainability Fortnight

After our Easter break we came back and went straight into our Sustainability Fortnight led and coordinated by Miss Watson.

Last Friday we held 2 sustainability fashion shows run by Garden Fields parent Eliza Lau-Johnston. These included a range of second hand clothes and highlighted just how many clothes we needlessly throw away.

In the morning we also looked at some of the brilliant costumes that children had made from recycled materials for homework. That same afternoon members of the Woodland Trust came in to teach our Year 1 children about trees.

On Monday we had a fascinating assembly with parent Michael Pita teaching us all about fossil fuels and the limited time left that we have with them.

We have also had Mrs Johnson's Tour de Garden Fields bicycle event for Year 5, a visit from Earthworks who planted seeds with Year 4, a second hand book 'bring and buy' sale and children were encouraged to bring their sandwiches in recyclable packaging on Tuesday this week.



Sustainability Fortnight



A very big thank you to all parents and carers who helped make our sustainability week so fantastic!

The children had a wonderful time experiencing many different workshops and themes. Below are a few highlights from our week.



Recycled Fashion



Fashion Show



'Upcycling' T-Shirts



Mr Pita's Fossil Fuel Assembly



Junk Modelling



'Book Swap



Vertical Gardens



Happy, Caring and Inspiring

Sustainable Food Wrapping

Many thanks to Toby and Oscar in Year 6 who have been 'negotiating' with different retailers of biodegradable food packaging to cut down on the use of plastic packaging for packed lunches and other food storage! They have managed to 'haggle' a 15% discount for Garden Fields Parents with Bee

Green Wraps at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxm8af8z>

To get the discount you need to use the code: BGWGF5015

They have also secured a 10% discount when you go to:

www.boobalou.co.uk

For this company the code is: Gardenfields

Well done Toby and Oscar for showing such great initiative and entrepreneurial skills!



Litter Pick Heroes

I came back after Easter to a lovely email from a parent telling me some fantastic news about how some of our children had spent part of their holiday tidying up the litter along the Alban Way!

It is wonderful to hear about the great environmental work being carried out in the local community by our Garden Fields pupils.

So well done to Samuel and Lewis from Primrose class, Cameron in Beech, Josie and Camilla in Pine, Eliza in Cedar, Bethany in Larch and Rose in Thames. Thank you for looking after our local environment!





Aldwickbury Y4 Maths Competition



Barely a month seems to go by at Garden Fields without us entering a maths competition! This month it was the turn of Year 4 . Thank you to Holly, Dan, Daniel and Sofiane for representing the school so well.

Mayan Feast!



Just before our Easter holidays our Year 4 children in Medway and Trent classes prepared and enjoyed a tasty feast as part of their Mayan topic.

The Mayans were an ancient civilisation from regions which now form part of Mexico and Central America.

Therefore the food had a distinctly Mexican influence - something that the Mayan's have passed down from their civilisation.





Safer Road Crossing



Many thanks to Ms Finnegan, one of our Garden Fields parents for writing to the county council's Road Safety & Sustainable Travel team to try and get a pedestrian crossing or crossing patrol officer for Townsend Drive. I have added the school's support with this. In the meantime I would like to reiterate that parents should not be parking on the school traffic lines, on pavements or obstruct driveways. It is vitally important for our children's safety that they are able to cross roads safely without obstruction and/or reduced visibility.

April Achievements

We have been on Easter holiday for much of April but I have had a few children who have come to show me their work.

From Oak class I have seen:

Yimi - for his excellent Easter Story writing

Jordan - for his fantastic Easter Story writing

Miss Kemp Robertson has also nominated Alex from Year 5 for excellent progress in reading!

Class Photo Orders

Just a reminder that the deadline for paper orders via the school is 4pm on Wednesday 8 May 2019. Any orders received in school after this date will be returned to you.

Have a great Bank Holiday Weekend!