

Planet Protectors 2023 Round Up

Planet Protectors (PPs) have celebrated their 4th birthday this year growing to 34 members across Years 1- 6. The year has been very busy as not only have PPs communicated to the school and wider community the importance of looking after our planet, we have also undertaken several projects enabling us to achieve a 2nd Green Flag award matching the distinction we were awarded in 2022.



Waste

A successful collaboration with FRS last month led to a recycled clothing sale which raised £270. FRS have kindly given PPs £200 and we decided to use £120 to twin the boys and girls toilets with villages who do not have a toilet via Toilet Twinning - <https://toilettwinning.org> PPs have also started recycling raw fruit and veggies for the Gardening Club compost heap and Terra recycling crisp and chocolate wrappers. The new bins are in the Hall and playground as of this week so look out for them! We hope the Terra recycling will raise more funds for FRS. We continue to Terra recycle pens and thank you to everyone who has sent in batteries - we have collected and recycled 4734 this year! - and ink cartridges which have raised another £70 for FRS.



Setting up the recycled clothing sale. June 2023

New recycling bins in the playground for recycling raw fruit and veg, chocolate and crisp wrappers.



Biodiversity

PPs continued their Biodiversity projects collaborating with Gardening Club to increase the number of pollinating plants the school grows to encourage both day and night pollinators to visit our grounds.

We had a visit from a Wildlife Trust expert who sent us a film advising us on what other measures we can take to make our grounds more wildlife friendly.

Marine

This is a new project for 2023. Mr Norris was told about a new glue stick, UGlue, which can be refilled and recycled. PPs did a trial as we wanted to reduced our use of single use plastics to improve marine quality. The trial showed we used less glue, we can recycle the casing back to the company to be refilled and in the long run they are cheaper than Pritt Sticks. In September every child in the school will have their own glue stick which they can refill. There has also been reuse of single use plastics in the school scarecrows and some play equipment in Reception garden this year with support from Mr Truman and Mr Margerson.



Yr2 PPs in a recycled aluminium can pod at Catalyst.