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Clare Sutton - Project Officer

Eco Warriors at Chichester Eco Summit



The Chichester Eco Summit was a great success! The 125 Eco Warriors taking part in the day were excited, engaged and enthused about the environment. There was a real buzz about the day with pupils interacting well with the fun activities.

Chichester High School hosted their first Eco Summit event giving a fun day of environmental learning for pupils from Boxgrove Primary; Southway Primary; Tangmere Primary; Southbourne Junior; East Wittering Community Primary and Jessie Youngusband School, along with a number of their own pupils.

You can read more about the event on the E.Y.E Project website by clicking here: [Eco Warriors at Chichester High School](#) and you can read the Chichester Post article by clicking here: [Chichester Post Article](#). Pictures of the day can be seen in a video produced by Chichester High School and this can be viewed on YouTube by clicking here: [Chichester High Photos on YouTube](#)



Pupils attended a variety of fun and educational workshops throughout the day including a Junk Percussion workshop where pupils engaged with the subject of the environment whilst making incredible eco music using unusual junk percussion instruments including barrels, bins and traffic cones! Pupils learnt about Food Miles and the importance of locally produced food in a workshop run by The Southern Co-operative, with guests Montezumas who spoke to pupils about their environmental ethos as well as giving them the opportunity to taste a range of their chocolate during Chocolate week 2017!

Other workshops themes were: International dark skies; producing food in a sustainable system; sun and wind energy; wetland habitats; clothing waste and how we were more sustainable in the past; what happens to waste in West Sussex; and creating artwork using old plastic whilst learning about the issue of plastic in the ocean.

There were also interactive stands where pupils planted bulbs for pollinators in pots made out of newspaper; built Lego models that reflected sustainable living; raced against each other in the sugar supermarket activity; and lit up table lamps with the power of their cycling!

The day ended with a bang with a performance by a number of the Eco Warriors on amazing Junk Percussion instruments.

The feedback from schools has been really positive with some fantastic comments from pupils who clearly took on board the important environmental messages.

'I have learnt about recycling difference products and I have enjoyed every moment, it was amazing. Thank you.' – Izzy from EWCPs and *'I learnt that light and wind are the best energy as they will not run out'* – pupil from EWCPs. Mrs Kim Thornton, Head teacher of Boxgrove C of E School said: *'The E.Y.E Project event at CHS today was just brilliant! The main speaker Ed was great, the workshops interesting/informative, good interactive stalls to look at also. And all from a visitor point of view, ran smoothly!! Thank you - my children left enthused & excited about all things ECO - message received & hopefully will be acted on more by them & their families.'*

Thank you to all schools; workshop leaders and standholders that took part in the day and to Chichester High School for hosting the event.

The E.Y.E Project looks forward to working again with Chichester High School in the future, and is now starting to plan the Worthing & Adur Eco Summit event which will take place at Worthing High School next Summer.

Thomas A Becket



Junior School

Member School Feature - Thomas a Becket Junior School

The E.Y.E Project was invited to join eco committee members at Thomas a Becket Junior School for one of their eco club sessions.

It was abundantly clear that the group of 20, year 5&6 pupils, were proud to be on the eco committee and were extremely enthusiastic about their eco club activities. They were proud to wear their new eco committee badges and excited to talk to the E.Y.E Project about eco activities at their school. One of the pupils who has attended an E.Y.E Project Eco Summit expressed *"I love the E.Y.E Project – It's so good!"*

During the lunchtime session, a pupil read the recent diary entry of the eco club mascot, Buster, who reported on the different recycling bins found in Gozo whilst he was on holiday with one of the eco club members. Buster gets to go home with a different pupil each week and reports on his eco adventures in his diary! After hearing about Buster's adventures, the eco club divided up in pairs to audit the eco signage around the school, including classrooms, staff offices, toilets and corridors. Pupils checked that each area had the correct signs including the school eco code; turn off light signs; turn off water signs; turn off computer signs; recycling monitor name sign; light monitor name sign. They also checked that every classroom had a pen recycling pot. Last year the school recycled 30kg of pens!



Thomas a Becket are a Green Flag Eco School, they have been an Ambassador Eco School and will now be in the Eco Schools Hall of Fame (along with The E.Y.E Project!). They are a large school with around 700 pupils. They run two eco club sessions each week during lunchtimes, one for years 3&4 and the other for years 5&6, with a total of 37 eco committee members. To spread eco engagement across the school there are separate groups of litter rangers and energy rangers (each with around 40 pupils). The rangers carry out their duties once a week during breaktime. There are also recycling and light monitors for every class, so around a quarter of the school are engaged in eco activities at any one time. All Yr 3&4 pupils also enjoy Forest School sessions.

The school takes part in Fairtrade Fortnight; Road Safety week; Walk to School week; Funky Feet Friday; and the E.Y.E Project Eco Summit each year. They are involved with the Learning Through Landscapes Polli:nation Project with other local schools. Details of their eco activities can be found on their website <http://www.thomasabecketjunior.org.uk/eco-activities/>. Details of the Polli:nation project and their Fairtrade activities can also be found under the 'extra-curricular' tab.

When asked what their favourite thing about being in the eco club was, one pupil said 'everything' while another told me that no one is persuading them to do it and it is great that so many pupils want to be involved and apply to be an eco-committee member, and another advised that it was the planting and seed bombing.

Pupils advised that they collect milk bottle tops (for Sight Support Worthing); plant flowers; make and throw seed bombs; find animals; draw animals; make homes for bees; enter loads of eco competitions; make items from Fairtrade products for raffles; make eco craft such as collages from magazines and newspapers; and write letters using persuasive writing skills. Some pupils have recently written to Theresa May encouraging her to consider Fairtrade in Brexit negotiations.

The energy rangers award points to classes, for example turning equipment off, and each term the winning class is announced in assembly and the class receives a poster and a pot of treats. There are also prizes for the weirdest thing found by a litter ranger during litter picking!

Pupils advised that being part of the eco club has made them more conscious of littering issues outside of school, that they turn off lights more at home, they recycle more at home, and they walk and cycle more.

It was a delight to meet the eco committee members from Thomas a Becket – thank you for involving the E.Y.E Project to your eco club meeting!

We are looking for a member school to feature in our Spring 1 newsletter – if you are an E.Y.E Project member school and would like to be featured in a future newsletter please contact Clare Sutton to arrange a meeting for The E.Y.E Project to visit your school to meet with your Eco Club.

The South Coast's First Offshore Wind Farm



The E.Y.E Project was invited by Rampion Offshore Wind to a reception at the Southern Pavillion on the Worthing Pier to mark a major construction milestone following the installation of all 116 wind turbines.

The event delivered the Rampion story to date, with video highlights of the wind farm construction, along with announcements of their £3.1 million community benefit fund which will be managed by Sussex Community Foundation, and a Visitor Centre that will be opening on the Brighton seafront in Summer/Autumn 2018.

Quick facts about the wind farm:

- 116 turbines installed - these will start turning one by one over the next few weeks into the forthcoming months with completion in 2018.
- Turbine height to the blade tip is 140m with a foundation length of 60-80m
- 27km of buried onshore cables
- Offshore export cable length 16km
- One offshore substation
- Energy will be supplied to 350,000 UK homes annually
- 600,000 tonnes CO2 emissions saved per year
- The Rampion name was entered into by a schools' naming competition by Davison High School for Girls and went on to win the public vote. The logo is a stylised version of the Rampion flower, the County flower for Sussex.



Rampion has a new website <https://www.rampionoffshore.com/> which includes details of their community benefit fund and an education page with resources from Eon Energy Experience which includes a Primary resource 'Solar Oven', and a Secondary resource, 'Power on Mars'.

Switch off Fortnight

Running between 20/11/17 and 03/12/17, and now in its ninth year, Switch Off Fortnight provides teachers with curriculum-linked resources that get the whole school working together on a fun and rewarding activity which can help you achieve an Eco Schools Award.

Switch Off Fortnight is a good way to cut your school's energy bills. It can be led by a group of students and is designed to help you achieve an eco-school award.

It's completely up to you how involved you want to get - you could run a full fortnight of activities or simply introduce the topic with an assembly. There are ideas and resources to help, including lesson plans; factsheets; presentations; games; quick activities; films etc. <https://jointhepod.org/campaigns/switch-off-fortnight-2017>

Dates for diaries

➤ 11th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit

The 2018 Worthing & Adur Eco Summit event will be hosted by Worthing High School and will take place on **Tuesday 26th June 2018**.

Priority places will be given to E.Y.E Project member schools but the event will be open to all schools in the area.

Schools can express their interest in attending this event by sending an email to eye@worthinghigh.net.

Is your school interested in receiving two free places at the 2018 Eco Summit and priority places to the event? These are some of the benefits of becoming a new E.Y.E Project member. Member schools can also attend the termly networking meetings (see page 4). To find out more details about membership, please visit our website <http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/membership> Membership incurs a one-off nominal fee.



➤ **E.Y.E Project A.G.M 27th November at 3.30pm**

The Strategic Advisory Group which helps to steer the E.Y.E Project is formed of our member schools, partners and education providers/workshop leaders.

All member schools are invited to send a staff member to our Annual General Meeting which takes place on **27th November at 3.30pm** at **Worthing High School**. If you are a member school your Eco Representative should have received an email with details. The termly Committee meeting with the Strategic Advisory Group follows directly on from this meeting and gives the opportunity for member schools to help steer the project and share ideas about events and activities organised by the E.Y.E Project.

We hope to see as many representatives from member schools as possible and request that you confirm whether you can attend as soon as possible please by emailing eye@worthinghigh.net

➤ **Networking meetings**

At the last Member Schools Networking meeting on 2nd October the Spring and Summer networking dates were discussed, and we can confirm that these meeting will take place on **Monday 29th January 2018 at 3.30pm** and **Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 3.30pm**.

All member schools are invited to send a staff representative to these meetings.

Non-member schools: If these eco rep networking meetings are of interest to you, for a small one off joining fee you can become a member school. You can obtain more details from our website <https://www.eyeproject.co.uk/membership> or contact Clare Sutton for further information. We are hoping to hold additional networking meetings in other areas of the County as our membership network grows.

Please reserve your space at this networking event by emailing: eye@worthinghigh.net

We are looking for a member school to host these events – if you are interested in doing so please contact Clare Sutton.

Schools Sharing Section

This edition we have introduced a schools sharing section for schools to share eco information. This can also be used as a 'Q&A' section for schools seeking eco advice from other schools.

Bramber School, Worthing have shared that they took part in the Walk to School month '*As part of walk to school month our PE lead ran a school competition, getting children to walk to school. He even agreed to walk to school every day himself! Each class recorded their journeys; the winning class won a golden shoe! Our Reception - Year 4 classes are set up with Travel Tracker and will follow the scheme, collecting monthly badges. It has been a great incentive for the children. Our Gardening/ECO club is an hour every week after school. We have focused on improving and tidying our outdoor environment as well as creating bug hotels and bird feeders. This term we will be thinking about getting ready for winter and planting bulbs for spring.*

Holmbush Primary Academy, Shoreham are arranging an Eco stall at the Christmas fayre. They will be making and selling seed bombs (with donations of old seeds from parents), eco friendly reindeer food for Santa and also twig Christmas tree decorations. Their eco committee have decided that they needed some litter rangers so they now have some from each class, and following on from a suggestion at the last E.Y.E Project Networking meeting, they are now meeting over a lunchtime so that they have extra time for discussions. The school eco rep has recommended three good books suitable for Primary. Details with descriptions from Amazon are as follows:

Carbon Monster by Katherine Wheatley: '*Carbon Monster is about a small boy who notices a tiny line of footprints following him. At first he does not know what or who they belong to until one day he spots a tiny creature behind him. The creature has a name. Its name is Carbon Monster. The monster follows George everywhere and gets bigger and bigger and bigger. George soon discovers the monster likes eating rubbish. The more rubbish George creates the bigger the monster gets. Finally, George decides to trick the monster and starts recycling, reusing and reducing his waste to avoid the huge, oily monster and his horrible slippery footprint. By reducing his waste George manages to shrink the size of the monster and learns that the size of Carbon Monster is down to him, just like a real carbon footprint.*

The World Came to My Place Today by Dr Jo Readman: '*The world really does come to visit George when his grandpa arrives, with a globe, to look after him and his sister for the day. Grandpa explains how everything from the cereal they eat for breakfast and the chocolate bars they love, to the rubber in their bicycle tyres and wood in their toys, come from plants all over the world.*

How Much Does a Ladybird Weigh by Alison Limentani: '*How much does a ladybird weigh? Find out in this unique, informative and fun picture book. It might be more than you think.*

Please do send details of any useful eco information (such as eco club activities, initiatives, resources or good eco contacts) that you would like to share with other schools to eye@worthinghigh.net.

If you are a member school and would like your eco work/projects to feature in our newsletters, please send details (with photos where possible) to eye@worthinghigh.net.

Fairtrade T-Shirt Design Competition – winner announced

You may recall that Worthing Fairtrade announced details of their Fairtrade T-Shirt Design Competition at our 10th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit in the summer and we also provided details of this competition in earlier newsletters.

We are delighted to advise that Worthing Fairtrade have now confirmed the following competition winners:

Liberty, Year 4 - Thomas A 'Becket Junior School
Kayla, Year 8 - Millais School Horsham
The Green Team - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School



The competition was judged by Local Artist Jimmy Pearson and the winner's will each receive a £20 voucher from WH Smith. The design's will be printed on tee shirt's & worn during Fairtrade Fortnight 2018.

Well done to all pupils that took part in this competition and to all competition winners. What fantastic designs!



Winning design by Liberty from Thomas a Becket Junior School
"Fairtrade is the Best"



Winning design by Kayla from Millais
"Fairtrade"



Winning design by The Green Team from Georgian Gardens
"Please Trade Fairly"

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