

Dear all

It hardly seems possible that we are now coming to the end of the second term in our year. Where has the time gone? Spring is here. The clocks have gone forward and the long-awaited lighter evenings are something we all enjoy.

Our children are growing up in an interesting time. Care for the environment in which they live, is central to local and national news. If it is not about global warming and the effect on the weather, it is about how much water we use (I am sure the usual summer hose pipe ban will be in place shortly).

All of the schools and your children have been working hard to consider how we look after our environment and take action to improve it. From doing a 'beach clean-up', to thinking about cutting down on the amount of plastic we use. Each school has its own way of bringing the care of the environment to the fore.

We decided therefore, that it would be a good idea to showcase ways that schools have been heightening our awareness. I am sure you will find all of these examples – a mere few amongst so many – something to celebrate. I and the Headteachers are very proud of the way that our pupils maturely tackle this important topic.

It only remains for me to say, have a great Easter break, celebrating it however you choose. Don't eat too much chocolate and as always, keep safe and well.

### **Thorpedene Primary School**

Thorpedene have recently had an unusual visitor – a munch truck! As part of the schools continued drive towards being healthy and having a healthy environment we have been learning about the importance of using rubbish bins and recycling. The Munch truck is part of Southend-on-Sea team of refuse trucks that travels around the borough collecting rubbish and sorting, reusing and recycling as much as they can.



Aside getting to climb into the truck and learn how it works, children in KS1 also had an assembly

where they

learnt about the importance of recycling and year 4 pupils got to work with staff from Veolia to make paper using recycled materials.



### **Bournes Green Infant School**

At Bournes Green Infant School we are proactive in our approach to caring for the environment. Through our PHSE lessons we teach the children how to be good citizens and look after our planet and as a school we recycle where we can.

Recently we joined a project in the local community which focuses on plastics. We have now started a campaign to collect crisp packets. There is a box by the front entrance of our school where we collect used crisp packets and in school we collect crisp packets from school lunches. These crisp packets are collected weekly and are recycled and made into products such as garden furniture. It makes us proud to play our small part in this exciting and worthwhile project.



### **Richmond Avenue**

### **Primary School & Nursery**

### **Science Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

The children took part in many differing science experiments on this day. Year 4 and 5 children had the opportunity to go to Shoeburyness High School to work in their science labs; they had a wonderful time and were all buzzing when they returned.



The year 3 children were looking specifically at the environment, and how our everyday living affects the world we live in. They asked the question: What happens when we wash our clothes? They cut up pieces of a fleece jacket, washed it in water and then filtered the water to see what was left behind. Using a magnifying glass, the children discovered that small particles of the fleece were left in the water. This water would then be disposed of into our sewer system, and then into the environment. Fleece clothes are made from recycled plastics ...





## Hinguar Primary School & Nursery



The Eco Warriors have been busy tending to our allotments where they have been planting potatoes, onions and herbs. They are aiming to fundraise for a blender for Eco Warrior Club to enable them to make soups from the produce they have grown.



During the Easter Holiday, the Eco Warriors will be taking part in a Big Beach Clean - up at East Beach and will be encouraging as many families and school staff as possible to support to help

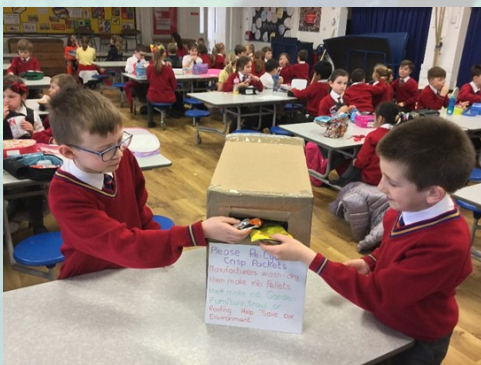
keep our local environment clean.

## Bournes Green Junior School



Here at BGJS, we all care for the environment. We educate our pupils about the importance of respecting and looking after our environment and we collectively do this as a team on a daily basis.

In addition to our recycle bins for food and waste, we are supporting a crisp packet recycling initiative. Children (and adults) were surprised to learn how crisp packets can be washed, dried and made into pellets by manufacturers before being made into trays, roofing and even garden furniture!



We always promote a balanced lunch for our children and are

proud to say that we have once again been awarded with our Healthy Schools Mark.

## Shoeburyness High School



Guests including local MP James Duddridge and a representative from the National Lottery recently visited our Excel students. They looked at some of the projects our students have been involved in within the local community; art projects surrounding World War 2, Local Heroes and Villains project, boxing and football projects, which have all been funded by local youth charity 'Achievement Through Football'. Our guests had the opportunity to meet the students and have a cup of tea with them whilst chatting about all of these exciting projects, as well as upcoming future projects that could be available. The afternoon was a great success and they all did themselves and Shoeburyness High School proud.



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