

Eco School and Warriors

You will be pleased to know that we have an Eco School committee at Uplands LEAD School who will meet regularly to discuss and bring positive changes to our school, community and environment. Our fantastic Eco Warriors are:

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Minar Mia ASH	Mohammed AyanDamania CHERRY	Yusuf Vaka BIRCH	Hanifa Halim PINE
Madina Abdul Shukkur ASH	Mohammed Yasin Allarakha CHERRY	Safiya Hafeji BIRCH	Noor Hussain Nadir PINE
Tajbid Talukder FIR	Afeefah Ghadiali HAZEL	Summia M PEAR	Haleema WILLOW
Raeesah Gangat FIR	Hrikkrish Biswas HAZEL	Rehan K PEAR	Mehreen WILLOW
Farzana Imran ELM	Mohammed Dalal APPLE	Hujayma Bint Kamran MAPLE	Amminah Painter YEW
Uthman Ali ELM	Rayyan Abowath APPLE	A'ishah Latif MAPLE	Ummehani Fakir YEW
Ismah Afinwala OAK	Khadeejah Yusuf HOLLY	Zoya ELDER	Yusuf CEDAR
Aaliya Saheri OAK	Mariyah Kapadia HOLLY	Arissa ELDER	Zahrah Bhula CEDAR

What they do

The Eco Warriors care about our school, community and the world. They strive to look after our environment so that we can enjoy a bright, clean and sustainable future.

Their primary aims are:

- 1. BIODIVERSITY AND SCHOOL GROUNDS** -To learn about and raise awareness of current environmental issues
- 2. ENERGY**- To understand why it is important to look after our world
- 3. LITTER**-To be pro-active and take action for our environment

September 2022

The Eco Warriors are empowering themselves to make positive changes to the environment with big plans to improve our school. You will find their notice board outside Year 5. They have allocated each eco jobs to each other to support with the improvement.

ECO POLICE

This year we will continue the 'Eco Police' who plan to check class rooms are not wasting energy, will give each class a daily traffic light energy rating. You have been warned! This will support our commitment to Energy Sparks who is part of the Sustainable Schools and they aim to save schools energy, money and overall prevent climate change!

LITTER LOCKERS

'Litter Lockers' will also go onto to do their work with picking and monitoring litter on the school grounds as well as carrying out a termly community litter picking. The Eco Warriors would like to include everyone with keeping our environment clean both at school but also at home too. We are pleased to take part in the Great Big Green Week where we would like to carry out the very first community litter pick of the academic year.

The Great Big Green Week runs from 24th September-2nd October 2022 and our goal is to clear up our streets as much as possible. While the children will be dedicated daily to tidying the school grounds, **we would like to invite all parents to a Community Litter Pick on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 11.00am-12.00pm.**

ECO-IN-NEED

Please send in any 1 litre or 2 litre clear plastic bottles in for a very exciting upcoming project the Eco Warriors will be taking part in. Make sure they have been thoroughly washed and dried and that there is no residue left of the original product. We will be using clear plastic bottles to create a '**Living Wall**' in which we plan to plant fresh herbs, fruits and vegetables.

Plastic Clever Schools

This week, the Eco team have had the pleasure of working with Sarah from **Plastic Clever Schools** and Laura from Eco Schools. We are proud to be part of one of 500 schools that have joined the quest of turning Leicester to be the first city to go plastic free!

We discussed problem plastics and those pesky single use plastics! Did you know Plastic can take anywhere between 20 and 500 years to break down which is one of the reasons plastic is really bad for the environment. Typically, Plastic bottles take up to 450 years to decompose in landfill so think before you use single use plastic. A refillable bottle is a much better option.



Unfortunately, not all plastic is recycled and some of the plastic that is thrown away ends up in our oceans. This is very harmful to wildlife. Try to reduce how much plastic you use and always recycle it. You can also take part in a beach clean and pick up rubbish you find on the streets to stop it entering the ocean.

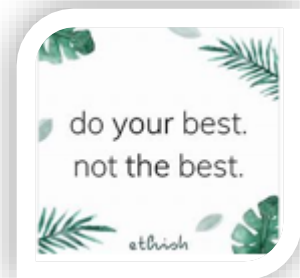
So why do we want to go plastic free? The Eco team came up with different reasons for wanting to become a plastic free school. Here are some of their marvellous thoughts;

"We want to be an example and role model to others so that neighbouring schools may copy us"

"We want to inspire others"

"We want to help preserve the wildlife"

"By becoming Plastic-Free, we are saving our community, environment and world"



During our Plastic Clever Schools meeting, we completed a reccy of the playground where the Eco warriors searched and identified 'hot spot' for rubbish and discussed the types of rubbish found. There was lots of plastic! Our plan is for the Litter Lockers to tackle these areas daily. Also, you can join the cause at home and send in picture to school email address of the rubbish and yourselves helping the community! Don't forget to come to our **Community Litter pick on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 11.00am-12.00pm.**

Remember with great power, comes great responsibility so come join us and go Eco-Friendly!