

Newsletter – Eco Focus Group update – November 2021

Big School Clean Event

It's been a busy Autumn term for the Eco-Focus group and has been fantastic to have new members from Year 7, 8 & 11 join the group. First off, the group planned, created and prepared awareness raising materials for tutor time for the Big School Clean Event held on Saturday October 16th.

Clearly the publicity worked as we had over 30 members of the Wildern School Community including parents, students and teachers turn up to collect litter from over the school site. The autumn weather was kind to us as we litter picked using pickers kindly donated by Eastleigh Borough Council to clear up the school field, pathways and hedges amongst school buildings. Teams also went down Wildern Lane and local pathways which connect to the school site, which made it a real community event.



Over 20 bags of rubbish were collected, leaving the local environment cleaner and helping wildlife to exist without waste plastics/metals and glass strewn amongst their habitats. We plan to hold further Big Clean events throughout the year, again concentrating on the school and local community but also at a local beach site. We would love more volunteers to come along on these events!



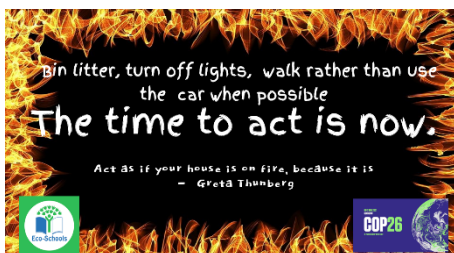
COP26



The Eco-Focus group student leaders are currently completing their Environmental Review for the school and action planning the year ahead in their morning sessions, but did have time to bring COP26 into the school. A flash event saw student leaders in

the group design thought provoking posters for display around the school site, asking students to consider what they could personally do to tackle

climate change. Indeed, this is really proving to be a year to focus on our environment as the Eco-Focus group's work will be driven by projects to increase biodiversity around the school grounds, reduce litter and raise awareness of the need to conserve our marine environments.



Tree Survey

At the end of a damp Friday in November the Eco-Focus student leaders met and completed a tree survey of the school grounds. The aim was to check on the health of the trees planted by the group last November and to see what stock of trees we have here at Wildern. This is to help them plan any further tree planting activity to ensure a diverse range of trees across the site which in turn encourages a diverse range of insect and bee life. Sadly, some of the trees planted last year hadn't fared so well, so the students thought they would contact the Woodland Trust to see if further tree

saplings can be planted with wire guards as they seem to have fared better in other locations on the school site.

