



Heswall Primary School Outstanding Commitment to the Environment

Every pupil and member of staff at Heswall Primary has made a commitment to reduce their use of single use plastic by taking a 'plastic pledge'. We began this campaign in 2019 and we are proud to say that four years later, our project continues to gain momentum - sustainability and a passion to protect the natural world is at the very heart of our curriculum and school community. We have shared our environmental project work; locally, nationally and globally, in the hope that we can encourage others to think carefully about the eco lifestyle choices they make. Every child in our school wears a #heswalloceanblue- Take the Plastic pledge T shirt with pride and they are always looking for new and exciting ways to protect their local and global environment.

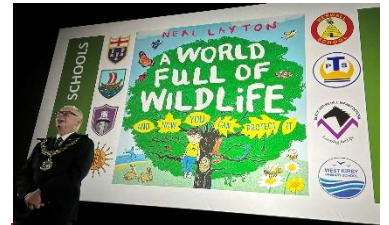


Projects this year have included:



- Writing and filming of two collaborative eco films inspired by Neal Layton- 'Climate in Chaos' <https://vimeo.com/690195468> and 'A World Full of Wildlife' <https://vimeo.com/842485014/e68b80db63>.

We invited 12 other schools to take part in these films and Heswall Primary sourced funding, coordinated filming and script design for every school.



Climate in Chaos was shown on a giant screen in our school grounds during our annual science and eco festival 'Wirral Science in the Sunshine'. It was attended by over 1000 people and 60 organisations.

The premiere of 'A World full of Wildlife' was shown at 'The Light Cinema' on their largest screen- it was officially opened by the Mayor in July 2023 and the whole cinema screen was completely booked out in two days.



- We have worked with composer Daphne Sarnat to write two **unique** environmental songs (both with important messages about sustainability), which we have performed at events such as the Cool Wirral eco fair.

- We have organised a 'Plastic Pledge' Market- an after school community market- hosted by the children- intended to raise awareness of reducing single use plastic. The children held stalls showcasing products they had developed to reduce single use plastics, they had clothes and games swapshops, a milk float and also entertained the public with environmental songs . The event was attended by over 250 people and 15 eco organisations.



- Alongside the Rotary Club, the children have worked with retired professionals to develop a butterfly garden and garden plots.



- The staff and children have worked with the police and highways service to encourage families to walk to school and to introduce traffic calming measures.



- The children have raised money to fund the planting of a cabbage field in our twin school in Uganda- the proceeds of selling the cabbages will be used to fund conservation clubs in our twin school Kisoro Demo. Fundraising has also taken place for building water harvesters/tree planting in our twin school, Kisoro Demo in Uganda



- After realising we have significant issues with food waste, we have run a project with Farm Urban to raise awareness of food waste and to introduce an Aquaponics system to school.



- We have created a bank of litter pickers for families to borrow at the weekend

Heswall pupils understand they are the future custodians of the planet- they wear their #heswalloceanblue t shirts to spread the message of reducing use of single use plastics wherever they go. After leaving Heswall Primary, we hope that

each and every child carries our school eco code, 'small actions make big differences' with them as a lasting environmental legacy.