Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School









Over the last few months, there has been lots of information regarding climate change and the impact on our local and national environment and on the whole planet. The main message is, we have to act now to ensure climate does not affect our younger generation's lives and their future. At Lady Joanna Thornhill we take pride in teaching our pupils about essential life skills. Our schools' ethos of the Head, Heart, Hand and our values of Collaboration, Curiosity, Compassion and Resilience, equip the children with the skills and knowledge they will need for their future.



At the recent COP26 meeting in Glasgow, countries around the world made commitments to do more to limit CO^2 emissions. One of our governors was instrumental in organising this event. We, as a school, are committed to ensuring we do as much as possible to play our part in limiting emissions.

At Lady Joanna Primary School, we have been committed to reducing our environmental impact for many years. In 2019 we installed a large array of Photovoltaic panels, generating a substantial amount of the school's electricity requirements during the year. The whole school was involved in raising some the funds needed to install these. All the children did a sponsored walk 'Walk for Wye Wattage!' and raised a massive £3,650 towards the cost of the array. We thank all the children and the parents for their amazing support.



In 2021 we continued our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint by replacing all our old light fittings with new and upgraded LED lighting. This reduced our lighting electricity consumption by two thirds, an amazing saving and achievement.



We have an active recycling and composting policy. All the children are aware of what products can be recycled and reused and we are all committed to reducing our plastic consumption around the school. The school has a busy garden area which grows fruit and vegetables for the school and all the children have an opportunity to grow produce that they could use in their Cooking and Nutrition lessons.



Our school has a Parliament which incorporates the Eco council. This discusses and implements policies which the children feel passionate about, to improve the school and local environment. The school Parliament instigated our 'Meat Free Monday' due to their awareness of the carbon footprint of our diets. They also petitioned the school kitchen to restrict the amount of non-reusable packing used during the lunchtime, such as individually wrapped biscuits and ice-cream containers.



The school has a beautiful pond area. We are lucky to have the rare Crested Newt in our pond along with Dragonflies, Dragonfly nymphs, Mayfly nymphs, Water Boatmen, Water Skaters, Caddis fly larva and sometimes tadpoles and frogs. This area, and I our active winter bird feeding, encourages a lot of bird diversity around the school.

We now have a battery recycling collection box so please bring any used 9V, 6V, D, C AA, AAA or button batteries to the school office to be recycled. Please ensure batteries are handled safely by adults only. Children should not have batteries on their person or in school bags.



(We do recycle batteries...can we make this available to the school community?)

If you have any eco-related ideas or information, or would like to get involved in helping the school become greener please contact us. We always welcome ways in we can improve the way we work to benefit the environment. Thank you