

Activities of the Eco Group 2010

(2008 and 2009 reports are at the end of this report)

The highlight of January 2010 was being awarded our 2nd Green Flag from Eco Schools. We have our first flag in a prominent place in our playground and hope to put our second flag on a flag pole shortly.










The highlight of June 2009 was winning the coveted DCSF Sustainable School's National Teaching Award for the West of England.

We were also thrilled to hear in June 2009 that our Comenius bid "From Acorns to Eco Warriors". had been approved for two years from September 2009 and we are now well into putting it into practice. Our Comenius partners from Poland, Cyprus, Sardinia and France all met at Leaden Hall during the Autumn 2009 and the ten children and teachers planned in more detail how we would fulfil all our plans. It was an exciting week with time 'off timetable' for the whole school making bug houses, underwater scenes, tip-tap water stations and much more from recycled items. Wiltshire Wildlife helped us with their wonderful ideas which, as usual, were spot on with the topics and age groups involved. It was a time of celebration and great enjoyment for all our children.

However, nothing in Eco-land stops to rest and in September we appointed new Eco Monitors, created a new Eco Badge and started on a whole new year of eco-adventures.

Listed below are some of the many things we have undertaken in 2010 with annual reports from 2008 and 2009 the end.

January 2010

-  Snow, snow, snow! We opened the school with half the children and half the staff and started with an assembly where the girls contributed to an A-Z of Sustainability at Leaden Hall School
-  First meeting of the Eco Bird Group led by Josephine.
-  Assembly with Josephine telling of the latest 'Bird Competition'.
-  Paul Evelyn held a Barnardo's assembly linking with Haiti.
-  Invitation from Eco Schools to attend their 1000th Green Flag celebration in Kew. Everyone is involved in making the huge card to display there, especially Mrs Bellinger. Assembly request for more elastic bands for the card!
-  WeGoEco chant in Assembly has an update including clapping.
-  Letter from local scout, Thomas Twentyman, offering us some bug houses and designs – Eco Group replied.
-  Eco Board redesigned with bird watch information.
-  1st Eco Meeting of the year on 27th January.

February

- ✚ Assembly inviting children to participate in the competition to go to Kew for the 1000th. Green Flag celebration. Children wrote letters and had personal interview. Kirsty, Imogen and Annabel winners.
- ✚ Assembly to congratulate all entries – very high standard of letter and interview.
- ✚ Assembly to inform school about bug houses. Children invited to draw bugs for Thomas and thank him for our designs.
- ✚ 2nd camera bird box supplied by Mrs Holmes – installed in the front of the school with a TV screen in the hall.
- ✚ Eco Club checked our composting worms, bird boxes, garden and pond. Lots of frog spawn. Sadly we seem to have lost many frogs to the icy weather.
- ✚ Water vole seen swimming up the river by Mrs Watmore and her class.

March

- ✚ Josephine hands out prizes for the bird competition in Assembly.
- ✚ Lily showed the school all the bug houses in Assembly. Later they were put in the garden by Eco Club.
- ✚ Animal Dance show by Year 5. Talk out after the show inviting audience to question cast on their animal knowledge. Full audience participation even Reception.
- ✚ Ocean Commotion concert by Years 3&4. Lovely staging produced by the girls in art included papier mache fish and shells with songs about the secret lives of our big and little fish.
- ✚ Bugs accommodations put into position in the grounds – checked.
- ✚ Checked wormery, bird boxes, pond life (many fish).
- ✚ Contact from Sydney, Australia, newspaper wants our story about elastic band collection to print in their newspaper!
- ✚ Great Tits are starting to nest in our box (see diary below).

Easter Holidays

April

- ✚ Eco Assembly. Boarders help with Jack and Beanstalk 'growing' from balcony. Potatoes and beans are discussed.
- ✚ Gardening commences. Runner beans, broad beans, carrots, sunflowers for birds, lavender, various herbs, tomatoes, onions, leeks, courgettes, spinach.
- ✚ Composting is checked regularly.
- ✚ Boarders gave Mrs Litherland a wonderful window box planted with all their pictures AND flowers – wait to see what appears!
- ✚ Following a survey of our composting, Wiltshire Wildlife sent us a certificate. Over the year we are composting around **988 kilograms** of waste. The average mass of compost generated by schools was **330 kilograms**. This is a fantastic effort mainly due to the dedication of our catering and grounds staff. **THANK YOU!**

May

- ✚ School Council has first meeting.
- ✚ Eco Rainforest assembly by Year 2 for parents – “Wild Things”
- ✚ No birds have nested in our second bird box. Decision made to move it next year because we think it is a bit cold and damp where it is now
- ✚ Lots of gardening. Pre-Prep have their own garden area this year.
- ✚ Boarders

June

- ✚ Ola from Poland (our Comenius Partners) has come to stay with us at Leaden Hall for 6 weeks. Her English is amazing.
- ✚ We welcome Claudia, Teresa, Marta, from Spain and Emma from France for the last 6 weeks of term.
- ✚ Year 4 science lesson. We dig up and photograph the remains of our Bio Degradable garden. WE ARE AMAZED – the normal plastic bag from Morrisons is exactly the same as when we planted it two years ago. The bio-degradable bag from Tesco disappeared in the first year.
- ✚ Open Day. We re-plant our Bio degradable garden with help from Miss Bax and her boyfriend.
- ✚ Rainbow Week – lots of activities including making willow sculptures with Dean from Wiltshire Wildlife.

July

- ✚ Rubbish Assembly - really good show by Year 5.
- ✚ We are picking and eating raspberries every time we go to an art lesson!
- ✚ We had enough raspberries for tea one day.
- ✚ Beans are not doing well. It is a very dry summer.
- ✚ The lavender is especially beautiful and we like the dark one best but we are leaving it for the bees until flowers are dry and we will pick it for our lavender bags.
- ✚ Mr Hedgehog is seen lots of times in the early evening. He is very busy. We think he is living near his hedgehog house and might nest there in the winter. We think maybe there is more than one because they are seen in different parts of the garden. We wonder whether they are territorial or sociable.
- ✚ Our second Green Cone is delivered. Having analysed the efficiency and value of 3 types of composting we agree that this is the best way to dispose of our fruit cores at break and tea times. Most vegetable peelings go into the large black compost bin.
- ✚ WE ARE DELIGHTED and CONGRATULATE Morgan Vale School who have just received their first Green Flag. They say it was hard work but worth it.

	Diary of the Leaden Hall School Great Tit Family, Spring 2010
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The Great Tit is in her nest at nights now

Birds have made the nest – egg 1

We think the nest is abandoned – no parents seen

Birds back – egg 2 – parents disappear for the day again.

Egg 3, but it is well hidden. It is a good nest but the birds are not on it except at night.

5 eggs now. Still no sign of the birds except at night. We are worried that the eggs will be cold.

6 eggs.

7 eggs. A bird is sitting on the nest all the time. Sometimes the eggs are covered.

The Daddy bird comes in to feed the Mummy bird on the nest.

Mummy bird hardly ever on her nest.

Mummy bird is sitting on her nest.

3 eggs have hatched! Mum and Dad in the bird box.

Mrs Eager saw Mummy bird eating shell.

Mrs Witte saw Mummy chewing food and putting it in the babies mouths.

Year 6 boarder sees mummy feeding bagies a worm ..ewww..!

Mummy feeding chicks a worm and is sitting on them.

Only 6 babies – no feathers.

Another baby appears to have gone. Only 5 babies left.

One baby is much bigger than the rest. His head reaches up higher so he gets more food.

Some feathers are coming.

Both Mum and Dad feed babies all the time. They are not eating our sunflower seeds in our bird restaurant area near their nest.

We wonder why?

Lots more feathers. They are getting white stripes on their wings.

Babies are getting bigger. One is not so big. Their eyes are still closed but one eye of one might be opening.

Still 5 babies. 2 are small, 1 middle and 2 large. The large baby eats most because it is first at the door and gets in the way of the others.

5 babies but one is very small and not trying hard to get food.

We think the mum is pecking it too.

Babies are really getting feathers now. Eyes are open.

Biggest baby is always first at the door and grabs food. We think one baby has died.

All babies we can see seem to have their feathers and are calling at the door constantly.

5 birds are left. 3 are flying around but come back to the nest at night.

2 little birds still begging and only one is hovering at the door. 1 is still quite small.

The nest is empty.

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For our **Comenius Project Timetable** please see the separate listing on our website.

Continuing weekly with our future projects 2010

- ✚ Any Questions – Line up to include Police, Fire Department and a Government office.
- ✚ International Airshow idea accepted by Governors for recycling and design sharing with Comenius and other partners
- ✚ Gents cloths for Damascus House
- ✚ Record an eco diary weekly on podcast “Weaving the Web” club
- ✚ Undertake a second Energy Challenge
- ✚ Waste Busting Challenge
- ✚ Help all families calculate their carbon footprint
- ✚ Make kites
- ✚ Use our portable digital microscopes to see what is in the compost and elsewhere in the garden (pond life)
- ✚ Poem competition on topics of Water, Sunshine, Plants and Friends
- ✚ Set up the Eco website
- ✚ Be awarded Generation Green Leaves to spend on eco equipment
- ✚ Clean out our pond
- ✚ Create an Eco Game
- ✚ Monthly Market for recycling and selling produce from school families

Eco Activities in 2009

January 2009

- ❖ 7.1.09 Silent Night in Greek (Global participation)
- ❖ Swahili spoken and taught in Assembly (hello, welcome)
- ❖ Rosie asked for any new Eco Monitors to see Mrs L for badges (assembly)
- ❖ 12.1.09 Mrs Taylor read an Eco book on the world being captured by fiends
- ❖ 13.1.09 Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Litherland introduced yr 4 girls to new science project on Compost and asked for volunteers.
- ❖ MEANING of ECO on the Eco Board
- ❖ Birdwatch – Year 3 drawings, listening,
- ❖ 14.1.09 WWF Assembly on compost followed by Pre Prep workshops on making bird puppets
- ❖ 19.1.09 New eco board design with Tree Dedication to WeGoEco
- ❖ 21.1.09 WWF Assembly on Climate Change followed by Yr 4 workshop on recycling and paper making.
- ❖ Mrs Downer offers to help with Comenius project and international issues
- ❖ Comenius documentation forwarded. Information on progress will be some time in the Summer term.

- ❖ 20.1.09 Eco Welly drawings. Welly competitions
- ❖ Yellow pages competitions on newspapers
- ❖ Club meetings drawing wellies.
- ❖ Ongoing collection of clothes and toiletries for Refuge.
- ❖ RHS letter and application for award sent off (level 1)

- ❖ February 2009

- ❖ SL lecture to Wiltshire Wildlife conference on Sustainability. Global Perspective issues.
- ❖ Letters to Hunter Boots, Red Funnel, RSPB, RHS
- ❖ Received the Level 1 RHS Award from the Campaign for School Gardening.
- ❖ Wiltshire Children & Young People's Plan Consultation award certificate received.
- ❖ Held the Welly Competition. Letters received in support from Hunter Boots Ltd, Paul Sample (Head of Local Council), RSPB, RHS, Red Funnel Ferries, Hedgehog Rescue.
- ❖ WWF Presentation in Assembly for Welly Competition - Winners picture in the Salisbury Journal 7.3.09 issue plus on their website
- ❖ Contacted by Vision-News.tv for a filming date on our school (Ecology issues).
- ❖ Arrival of the Wormery and the Compost Bin.
- ❖ 1st meetings of the 'Cabbages' project group (Serena, Evie, Imogen) and research and setting up of the equipment. Girls sent emails to WWF regarding positioning of bins. Card sent off for the worms.
- ❖ Climate change Workshop – we joined the Wiltshire Green Map (Wiltshire World Changers.org) offering to help other schools become Eco Schools.
- ❖ Joined the Climate Cops Academy

March 2009

- ❖ Worms arrived. Hugh delight as we put them in their new home. Compost Bin also put in position.
- ❖ Trevor Gilbert helped us by rotavating the Eco Garden
- ❖ Boarders (Allie, Charlotte, Ophelia) pulled the remaining leeks and kale and prepared them in the kitchens with Joe Bennet. Girls served them at supper and all agreed they were fantastic even though they don't like leeks or green vegetables!
- ❖ Bird box camera turned on and rotation of lunch tables started again for all to see progress.
- ❖ 1st sighting of blue tits entering box on Mrs Stares birthday!
- ❖ Birds starting to bring in twigs. Record book being completed and short video snaps taken to record progress on the nest.
- ❖ Mrs Taylor has an entomologist friend who is prepared to spend some time with us. Thoughts include getting all the digital microscopes into DCT room and allowing girls time to record river water findings. Future ICT project powerpoint.
- ❖ First sighting of our goldfish in the pond
- ❖ First sighting of frogspawn.
- ❖ Nomination for the Sustainable School of the Year by a parent
- ❖ Confirmation that we have been short-listed for the award!

- ❖ Chair of Governors brings in willow cuttings. Mr Gilbert lengthens our Willow Tunnel in the garden and makes a low 'fence' by the Coach House. Girls interested in making a similar hedge around the Eco garden. Willow cut and awaiting Summer term.
- ❖ Crew from Vision News TV arrive and film some of Eco Club members talking. Film is available on their website www.vision-news.tv and copy bought for school.
- ❖ Lunch gardening club meeting on final Wednesday of term to plant potatoes – earlies and lates.
- ❖ Leaden Hall Has Talent – Animal Dances by Year 5

April 2009

- ❖ Set up FLORA challenge. Goal 2000 tokens to buy a portable oven for homeless setting out again.
- ❖ Worms fed over the holidays by Mrs Lloyd.
- ❖ Frogspawn collection & poem competition
- ❖ Sent off for the Water Watch Challenge I for all pupils
- ❖ Peter Callanan, Manager of the Post Office visited on 22nd April, answering 20 questions in assembly and accepting 4621 elastic bands
- ❖ Visit from DCSF Sustainable Schools Award judges
- ❖ Excelent WWF Workshop for Year 5 on wind power
- ❖ Dig up our biodegradable garden and record results – replace items for next year
- ❖ More lavender bags made in Eco Club

May 2009

- ❖ Invitation to classes for our next 'Any Questions' visitor from the NHS
- ❖ Weekly project continuing on our composting investigations
- ❖ Gardening started in earnest during lunch breaks – brainwave using plastic carrier bags as overshoes for the mud as girls don't have wellies
- ❖ Comenius project accepted! Starting Sept 09 we have a two year, monthly, project linking Poland, Italy, France, Cyprus.

June 2009

- ❖ **FINALIST FOR THE SUSTAINABLE TEACHING AWARD and PRIMARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR** for Emily Cooke our Head of Sport who encourages all girls that they can participate and love sport (nominated by a pupil). We are invited to Bath Assembly Rooms for the ceremony and will take as many children/staff as possible.
- ❖ Gardening in earnest. Weeds taking over. Lovely hot weather and a few raspberries to eat. Lettuces growing and being eaten.
- ❖ 2 Hedgehogs are seen in our garden, one large and one smaller. They live in different places. Large one sleeps by day next to the hedgehog house.
- ❖ Birds are not nesting as well this year. Bird box shows a few sticks, then no further action. We wonder whether squirrels have frightened them.
- ❖ **WINNER** of the DSCF Sustainable School Award for the West of England and Distinction in the Primary Teacher Award for Emily Cooke

- ❖ Invitations sent out for our new club starting in September “Weaving the Web” for Eco and other issues by podcast.
- ❖ Completion of our research project on composting. Black Bin, Wormery or Green Cone. We love the worms but for efficiency and value for money we recommend the Green Cone.
- ❖ Items continuing to go to the Women’s Refuge and other charities.
- ❖ Unwanted computer equipment taken to Jamie’s Charity, an SSF a charitable organisation that provides training and employment opportunities to socially excluded adults in Southampton.

September 2009

- ❖ We welcome Paloma and Teresa from Spain as boarders for the year.
- ❖ Dug up carrots, beetroot and potatoes from the Eco garden
- ❖ Lunchtime project for nursery upwards, to bunch the carrots and other veg for sale after school – little ones counting in 10’s.
- ❖ Stripped lavender in club session
- ❖ Eco assembly on badges – handed out templates
- ❖ NHS consultant for Any Questions Assembly
- ❖ Weeding and netting vegetables, cutting more lavender
- ❖ Started our WoW activity club on Water
- ❖ Abi Edwards won a shield for matching a pair of pumpkins in a show at the weekend.

October 2009

- ❖ Selection and voting for the badges at lunchtime. 112 entries, 8 short listed.
- ❖ Announced winner – Sammy cole. All on display. 8 badges made for the shortlisted entries.
- ❖ Made firelighters in Club session
- ❖ Alfred the Hedgehog seen in two places at once.. two hedgehogs at least!
- ❖ Reception children bring in cat food for the hedgehogs.
- ❖ WoW club starts podcasting
- ❖ Pink for Pink day.
- ❖ Recycle information in Yellow pages.
- ❖ Eco Monitors signed up in all years.
- ❖ Harvest festival – vegetables for the Trussell Trust.
- ❖ Discussions with the Architect regarding the water shoot into the water butt.
- ❖ DCT teacher David Woodgates starts aeroplane project.
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November 2009

- ❖ Eco club continue to make lavender bags for the Christmas Fair
- ❖ Eco Assembly meeting – handed out badges to winners and monitors
- ❖ Eco Workshop on Saturday – 20 children and parents involved in making items from recycled donated things, plus gardening.
- ❖ Year 4 Eco Assembly – Mrs Randle’s final Assembly
- ❖ Water Assembly by WoW

- ❖ Comenius Week – visitors from Poland, Cyprus, France and Sardinia with children (10 teachers and 10 pupils) arrive at Leaden Hall for a week of Eco activities. Wiltshire Wildlife run workshops for a day off timetable for the whole school. Teachers plan the next round of activities. Workshops include creating a bug house in the orchard, environmental art (Andy Goldsworthy style). Compost creatures and plants, Tip tap water system, Energy efficient rooms and Underwater World. (Reuse, Recycle and biodiversity).
- ❖ Isobel Hudson brings in our Eco Poem after the off timetable Comenius Day.

December 2009

- ❖ We have started to feed the birds again.
- ❖ Garden tidy up
- ❖ Discussions with Community Farm project in Laverstock starts
- ❖ Sent off our application for the 2nd Green Flag.

Christmas Holidays

January 2008

- Christmas Cards – Woodland Trust
- 10th January – rubbish assembly – all classes involved (and some shamed!)
- 11th January – Assessors for the Green Flag interview children/staff
- Monitors consider a school-wide Eco Rap competition
- Big Bird Watch – RSPB
- Power Walking for parents
- Catering achieved 5 stars for Hygiene Inspection
- Project Group start the Red Door magazine with Eco section
- First Aid for parent
- World Book Day
- Start of the Eco Bird Club – parent needed to run it
- Refuge collections (ongoing) for women and children
- Boarders biking – helmets and bikes recycled from outgrown sources
- Wiltshire View magazine record our bulb planting for Myasthenia Gravis
- We continue to feed our birds in their 'restaurant' by our Conservatory dining room

February 2008

- Plastic bags – give them up for lent competition by children's star chart
- Notification of the CD Art day with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – CD's needed (recycle)
- Spanish girls need a family
- Leaden Hall trader – recycle items
- Nesting box set up and filmed directly into the Conservatory
- Living willow tunnel is created

- Nell from Nursery is the first pupil to record her bulb (from Myasthenia Gravis charity) to flower on 27th February.
- The Women's Refuge write thanking us gratefully for our ongoing support. ‘
- Car sharing database is completed
- Walking bus scheme is increased

March 2008

- Plastic Bag amnesty notified
- Bird Group meet weekly with Mrs O'Donnell, recording our nesting boxes and the birds which are interested in them
- 'To Let' signs put up for the birds.
- Eco monitor Deya (Yr2) interviews Mrs O'Donnell for the Red Door
- Children busy making star charts for their parents on the Plastic Bag promise
- Eco Monitors make and laminate signs for the Eco Rubbish Garden
- Eco Rubbish Garden is created with Year 4.
- Gifted & Talented maths duo, Annabel and Elizabeth, finalise the results of their investigations into the Review of our Grounds. They personally give two lessons to their class to get the 'number crunching' done.
- Salisbury Journal record our Green Flag success with our offer of help to other schools to start with Eco Schools.
- Parent, Bea Bedford, investigates Jute bags for Eco Club.
- Year 6 girls write to local stores and shops encouraging them to reconsider their use of plastic bags and questioning why they do not use biodegradable ones. Tesco and Waitrose reply
- Mrs Randle (teacher) considers how we could recycle the many polythene wrappers which come in the post each day. Unfortunately we would have to get them to Norfolk for this to happen.
- Nesting continues and is viewed all day in the Conservatory. Blue tits have 8 babies with 6 surviving and getting feathers.
- Our Green Cone arrives and it is placed in the Eco Garden. Daygirls now put their apple cores, banana skins and other foodstuffs into it. Tea bags from the kitchen are also composted in it.
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Longleat conference on Eco Schools presentation by SL

April 2008

- We continue our Spanish link with the return of Ana and Maria Bilbao from Spain but we are not successful in finding a placement quickly enough for Andrea and Leticia locally.
- Miss Pegg and Mrs Oliver (teachers) hunt for schools to join our next international Comenius project "The Environment, Saving The Planet".
- Eco Gardening starts again. Parent helpers are sought and obtained (Mrs Barkshire and Mrs McLeod).
- We have our 1 day Plastic Bag Amnesty and collect more than 2000 bags. Year 6 boarders sort and count the bags. Eco Monitors fill our minibus and take them to M&S where Louisa Knee, Publicity Manager, receives them

back “We are always happy to help local schools, well done to all the girls” she says.

- Local Magistrates run a workshop with Year 6 to show them how the court system works in Salisbury.
- Boarders have a ‘Hands On’ workshop with small animals held by Kate Prevett
- Eco Monitors organise a Bird Quiz – on Yellow Pages and also directly on our Intranet
- 22 April – Eco Assembly on rubbish with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, followed by a whole morning of art for Year 5 – making beautiful wall plaques from digarded CDs. We hang these in our Eco Garden.
- SL meets Claire from Minstead Primary School and from Morgan Vale School giving short presentation on how they can start their Eco Schools award scheme at their schools. We offer their pupils a chance to visit us to see for themselves and meet our Monitors

May 2008

- Year 2 make a4 booklets on Green Plants and the Environment
- Year 1 and nursery count and record plants growing in our garden.
- Potatoes start to grow. This year we planted potatoes, runner beans, peas, beetroot, courgettes, cucumbers, leeks, onions, corn, tomatoes, spinach and in our herb garden we have mint, parsley (flat and curly), marjoram, dill and fennel – plus something which we can’t name! We have also planted raspberry canes, sunflowers, nasturtiums, marigolds, begonias, cornflowers and cosmos.
- 8th May – Salisbury Journal article in their ‘Living:Going Green’ section after interviewing Eco Monitors at our school. They pass on our encouragement for every school to participate in the Eco Schools challenge once more offering our help to any school who needs advice on how to start.
- Bea Bedford is the winner of the Plastic Bag Challenge and is awarded a solar powered garden light.
- Eco Monitors notify the winner of the Bird Quiz in Assembly. Joint winners are Camille Kippen and Phoebe Aldridge.

June 2008

- We organise a “Bikability” cycling proficiency course for Year 6 girls with Wiltshire CC Pathways scheme. It runs throughout June.
- Eco monitors meet Jonathan Ball, Dean and Chapter representative for a new recycling scheme in the Close, to tell him how we recycle at present, and to offer our help in his quest. He is surprised that we have already achieved so much but is equally disappointed that our letters to the Council on behalf of the larger institutions in the Close have not led to a better system of collection.
- A chicken is hatched in 3Be. When it is old enough Mrs Beveridge puts it in the Bird Hide and children can see it happily playing in there! It is then taken to Serena’s family to live.
- We ask pupils to collect the elastic bands dropped by the postman so we can return them to the post office. They are all over Salisbury on the roadways!
- Uniform Sale

July 2008

- Morgan Vale School Eco Monitors visit Leaden Hall. Our Eco Monitors give an A-Z presentation on our projects and some tips on how to start. We organise an Eco Garden game and both school's Monitors race around recognising plants, answering questions and recording their answers.
- We are given a hedgehog house! Not one day later a poorly hedgehog is seen in the car park by Amy and we are dispatched to bring it to school. We put it safely and warmly in the house in a quiet part of the garden where it now lives.
- Year 6 have given us a wormery! We will have this up and running (or slithering) in the Autumn term.

Ongoing throughout the year:

- Weekly meetings of the Eco Monitors on Tuesday break
- Bird Hide is opened daily
- Recycling of inkjet cartridges, mobile phones, paper and cardboard, batteries, filters, glass, tin, clothes, shoes,
- Walking bus and school bus runs are increasing
- Eco Board is regularly changed with challenges, information or displays.
- Monitors turn off lights, turn down heating, close doors, turn off 'stand by' equipment, monitor the bins and relay information to their classes.
- Hardly a week goes by when we don't have a "WeGoEco" moment in assembly – sometimes giving information, sometimes advice and frequently offering challenges to keep everyone on their Eco-Toes!
- The Eco Garden is used for maths lessons and science lessons – we know this because there are frequently groups of children down there with teachers during lessons covering various aspects of the curriculum

September 2008

- 5.9.08 New Eco display
- 8.9.08 Anusha presents 2142 elastic bands
- 9.9.09 first double lunch eco club meeting to count bands -3830 bands collected
- Monitors sign up
- 16.9.08 666 more bands collected
- Dug up and peeled our potatoes
- Made Eco badges
- GPO poem and poster made in club

October 2008

- 1.10.08 GPO Go Eco poem
- Band count now 4621 in club
- Stripped sunflower seeds for the birds
- Collected apples for the freezer for the birds
- Fed the green cone (constantly from Kitchen vegetable peelings)
- Stripped lavender

- Made badges
- Redesigned Eco Board with badges
- 9.10.08 Assembly when Badges presented
- New Eco Motto – Classy Clean Awesome Green ECO
- Eco boarders (Kirsty, O, Annabel Ellie, Camille)
- Eco Badge Winner announced in Assembly

November 2008

- 3.11.08 Eco Assembly
- 4.11.08 First official meeting of the new Monitors in the Logia at break
- 6.11.08 Eco Police first round
- 7.11.08 New Eco Board design
- Stripped lavender and made lavender bags in club
- 11.11.08 Hunt for Wheat on internet – made bags
- 14.11.08 Assembly to explain the Eco Police to school
- Flags awarded by Police – problems associated getting into classrooms
- 18.11.08 Sorted cartridges in Club
- 21.11.08 Sorted cartridges in club
- 22.11.08 Vestry provided us with cartridges
- 23.11.08 Collection of cartridges for recycling
- 21.11.08 Willow Workshop organised for 29th nov
- 25.11.08 Eco Club
- 28.11.08 Hampshire Wildlife Trust assembly to present school with Waste Free Day award for Hampshire.

Christmas Holidays