

Eco Trip to Kew gardens February 2010 Report by Kirsty Robertson

On Thursday 11th February Kirsty, Imogen and Annabel were chosen to go to Kew Gardens to celebrate the 1000th green flag awarded by Eco Schools. Pupils chosen from nine out of the thousand Green Flag Award winning schools across the country showcased their huge handmade cards with examples their eco activities to Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Minister for Food, Farming and the Environment. The three girls who were chosen first had to write a letter of application to Mrs Eager giving reasons why they would like to represent the school, then attend an individual interview with Mrs Eager, Mrs Taylor in Mrs Eager's office. Mrs Eager called the top ten applications out in Assembly and when we were all standing in the front gave us all a Certificate with a prize of a visit to Splash of Colour in Salisbury, then called out the three winners. After that she said the people going to London would be Annabel, Imo and Kirsty. We were all so happy.

We had quite an early start on that Thursday morning because we had to be at Kew gardens at 10:30 am. On the car journey we were singing along to the songs on the radio and also going through all the eco things we had done that term just in case we were fired questions. After about 1hr 45 min car journey we had arrived. We firstly had to walk to a building where it was all taking place. We were the first people there. When every one had arrived we all laid out our cards so that every one could see what we had been doing in this year. Some of them were very good and lots of people said ours was very good too (thank you Mrs Bellinger!).

We all stood round and one school at a time gave a quick little talk about what we have been doing this year. Some of the school children had a written speech and Imo and Annabel and I didn't know what to say so we were really worried. Luckily we managed it. Mrs Litherland made everyone do our "We Go Eco" chant and it was very funny. Once everyone had done their presentation we all went outside to have a picture taken and then we went inside for a yummy lunch.



After lunch all the children did an activity while the adults had their lunch and talking we did flower pressing and flower dedication which was fun! Then we all got into groups and we went for a walk around Kew gardens.



After the walk we went to Kew gardens new Tropical Extravaganza exhibition. It was very warm in there. We saw lots of cactus orchids and plants we had never seen before.



We also saw lots of fish and turtles and of tropical animals. When we had finished our tour our guide left us and we went to go and look around the palm tree house the palm trees were gigantic when we had looked all around the palm tree house we decided to head back to school with our green flag and our goodies (pens and pencils and ruler and bag) It was a great day we would like to say thank you to Mrs Litherland for inviting us and looking after us for the Day.

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