

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE SPRING HALF TERM 2

FOOD: We have had a visit from ISS who are the catering suppliers for over 60 Ealing schools, including us. Although we are continuing to measure the food waste quantities, they are in agreement with the Eco Club that the numbers we get are not likely to be accurate and they have agreed to improve this for us. We have identified that the food waste that comes from the children's plates is often contaminated with food wrappers and containers from packed lunches which means this ends up in the general waste and in landfill where it produces harmful gases that lead to climate change. Eco Club have agreed to set up a food council who will meet with ISS and represent the school to share feedback and we will audit the food waste contents to see what types of food are being wasted and put in some new labelling to help children get the right items in the right bins. This in turn will mean we can get the food waste into the right waste stream and it can be composted or turned into biomass and generate energy. We have also produced signs for children to remind them to ask for Big Hungry or Small Hungry which will enable them to learn to manage their portion controls and be responsible for taking what they need. Just in school we are putting an average of 45 kilos of food in waste each week. All that food has been grown, harvested/slaughtered, transported, manufactured, packaged, transported and then wasted straight into the bin. It's quite alarming. We would love your support with this conversation at home as well.

ACTIVE TRAVEL: The children have worked really hard on this project. They have talked about the causes of air pollution, taking responsibility, changing behaviour and why it's important. A smaller group have worked together, across the year groups to story board the messages they wanted to communicate and a special mention to Olivia in Year 6 who has created the most incredible moving animation, including the design of all the pieces and editing with music and sound.

We are going to start to measure the distances people travel after Easter so we can start to see how many marathons we can do.

PLASTIC AND RESOURCES: We have a new battery recycling point so please bring in your old dead batteries.



The Eco Club have written a single use plastic policy for school which is just awaiting final approval from the policy team in the Board of Governors. The policy outlines many ways we can reduce the single use plastic in school, helping us to reduce the microplastics these eventually turn into.

Monday 20th April we are running a KS2 and Parent assembly at 9.00am with support from a B-Corp where we will talk to you about a new Eco Shop launch. We can't wait to share this exciting project with you then.

NATURE NINJAS: The Outdoor Classroom has been completed which the children have cast their votes and is named the Nature Nook.



A multi-tiered pallet bug hotel has been built and filled, including a green roof with lots of herbs and succulents in. The plants were donated by the Blondin Allotments and a local Ealing resident. Our compost experiment is working well and we are getting lots of plant food off the wormery especially (which we are calling worm wee/tea).

YEAR 5 AND 6 CYBER CRIME WORKSHOP



Our year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Q&A session with Lisa Smith from the Met Police this week as part of the Cyber Choices scheme.

Cyber Choices is a national programme designed to reduce cyber-crime, including illegal hacking of computers and networks, denial of service and the writing, distribution or deployment of malware. These are offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

The programme has four main aims:

1. Explain the difference between legal and illegal cyber activity
2. Encourage individuals to make informed choices in their use of technology
3. Increasing awareness of the Computer Misuse Act 1990
4. Promoting positive, legal cyber opportunities

Please speak to your child about the things they learnt from this session and be aware of what they are accessing online.



OPAL

This week, we have continued to build on enhancing our play experiences. The children have particularly enjoyed spending time exploring our new mud kitchen. They showed great enthusiasm as they mixed, poured, and created their own imaginative “recipes” using coffee grounds.



For all parents/carers of children joining Nursery or Reception in September 2026

Discuss healthy eating and the types of food children should be eating to enable a balanced diet.

Discussion around establishing routines.

Discussion around the importance of communication and speech and where your child should be at developmentally.

School Readiness
Session at Our Lady of
Visitation Primary School
on Tuesday 30th
June 2026 at 2:30pm
with the health visiting
team

Discuss fussy eating and what we can do to support.

Discussion around toilet training and how to get children toilet trained.

Discussion around children being independent and being able to clean and wipe themselves and wash their hands.

Discussion around behaviour management and tackling unacceptable behaviour.



ACHIEVEMENTS

ATTENDANCE: Please see the table below for class attendance this week.

Congratulations to 5W for 100% attendance this week.

NURSERY	96.1%
BUMBLEBEES	93%
BUTTERFLIES	92.4%
1K	96.8%
1S	96.7%
2B	92.6%
2J	98.7%
3G	96.7%
3Y	95%
4C	98.7%
4F	99.3%
5B	98.4%
5W	100%
6P	95.3%
6W	91.3%
Whole School	96.1%

PRAISE CERTIFICATES: Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

David and Adrina – Bumblebees

Nina and Adriel – Butterflies

Beata and Ivy – 1K

Mikhael and Max – 1S

Peter, Piotr and Leah – 2B

Bianka and Anna Maria – 2J

Seowon and Akshaya – 3G

Agatha and Zara – 3Y

Tre, Cayden and Abel – 4C

Yana and Damian – 4F

Aine and Lansio – 5B

Chrishauna and Danica – 5W

Harvey and Olek – 6P

Duke and Augustin – 6W

OPAL Play Champion

Mario – 3Y

CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect and following school rules.

This half term, we will be focusing on the theme **DIGNITY OF WORKERS**.

Dignity of Workers is about everyone finding something they are good at, and feeling important and needed.

‘Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work anoints us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts...’

Pope Francis

Diego – 1K

Ola – 1S

Valentina – 2B

Ada – 2J

Seowon – 3G

Agatha – 3Y

Cayden – 4C

Tahlia – 4F

Aine – 5B

Chrishauna – 5W

Gabriel – 6P

Luca – 6W