

Dear Eco-Schools,

I just wanted to end the academic year saying a huge WELL DONE to all the schools which have participated in the Eco-School Programme (ESP) over the past two years!

I am so proud of the pupils and staff who have remained committed to protecting the environment and participating in the ESP through some really tough times due to Covid 19.

When the ESP programme started two years ago there were only two known Eco-Schools in Hackney. To date, there are 43 schools signed up to the programme and of those, 14 have successfully achieved the Green Flag Award!

The window is open till the 31 July - so there is still time to [submit the Green Flag Application](#) :-)

For those NEW to the programme there is **FREE Eco-School training** provided by Keep Britain Tidy which is taking place next academic year year - please click [HERE](#) to book onto the training courses.

Thank you to those who have completed the 'End of Year feedback form - for those who have not can you please take 5 minutes to complete the form which can be found [here](#) - thank you

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to working with you all again in September.



Eco-School Success Stories

Eco-Schools planted 1000 new trees!

7 Hackney Schools recognised by the WWF for teaching sustainability and environmental education in schools- see full story [here](#)

City Academy Homerton Eco-Warriors campaigning for change and getting single-use plastic cups banned from the canteen. This will save almost 40K cups going to waste every year!!!!

4 schools (e.g Grazebrook, Shacklewell, Woodberry Down & St Mary's Church of England) took part in the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning Scheme. These schools worked with partner schools around the globe on a UN global goal. SMCE even got to go to Gran Canary to visit their partner school : -)

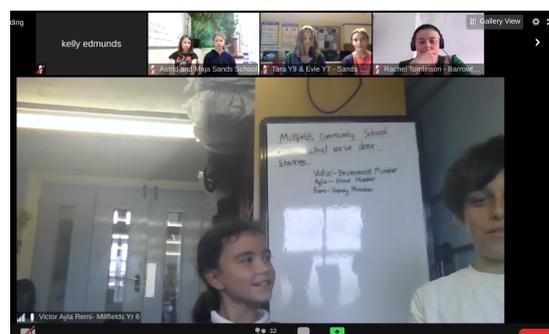
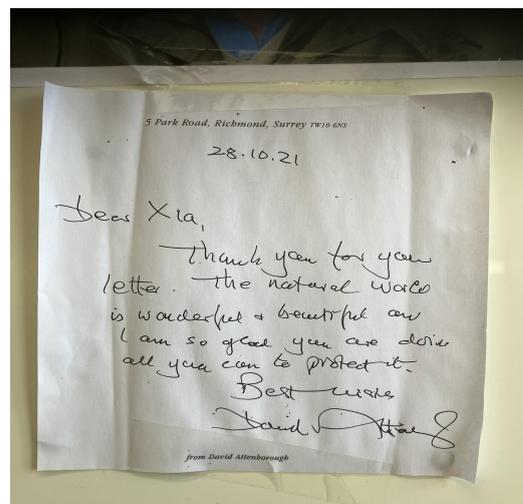
Schools producing AMAZING videos to reach out to the wider community - Watch [HERE](#) Queensbridge Primary School Recycling Video & Grazebrook Primary Schools - 'Who are the Climate Scientists of tomorrow?' video [HERE](#)

Students from Betty Layward wrote to David Attenborough to discuss environmental concerns and received a personal hand written response.

William Patten School took part in the BBC Garden Question Time &

successfully got a bus stop removed from directly outside of the school gate.

Millfield Primary School School took part in a London Climate Action week webinar - watch the recording [here](#) called 'Driving Climate Action in School'.



Stoke Newington Secondary & Grasmere Primary Schools took part in a London

Climate Action Week roundtable chat with Cllr Coban to discuss climate concerns and the future of Hackney.

Hoxton Garden Primary entering the Wild City Photo Competition and Gaining the Green Flag Award with Merit!

Well done Wentworth Nursery & Children's Centre & Clapton Girls Schools for raising awareness about littering and taking part in local and community litter picks.

Haggerston Secondary School takes part in a ECO-REFILL project which will see the Eco-Team set up a small business to sell refill products to parents/staff and raise awareness about single use plastics.

St John & St James, Rushmore, St John The Baptist Primary Schools and Comet Nursery did a fab job creating amazing greener school ground spaces to grow food, plants and let wildlife thrive in urban spaces. These improvements will improve local biodiversity and the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff!

Tam's House Nursery hatched ducklings and gave their pupils a real hands-on experience at loving and nurturing baby ducks - what a lovely experience!!!

Coconut Nursery has taken on the ESP and improved recycling and food waste participation by improving signage and recycling bins in the classrooms and

introducing food waste bins to the kitchen and eating areas.

Harrington Hill Primary School transformed a disused caretakers building and unused school grounds into a haven for forest school activities!

Southwold hosted the first collaborative Eco-Schools Green Flag Visit for new schools to the ESP and schools that wanted to see a Green Flag Awarded School in person - it was a wonderful afternoon and as result will see more events like this taking place next year.

