



# Eco Newsletter March 2024



This year, our three Eco focus areas at WCPS are:

## Waste & Recycling



## Energy



## Marine & Plastics



# CUT YOUR CARBON

## Cut Your Carbon Month: November 2023

In November 2023, families from Wimbledon Chase Primary School joined thousands of young people and their families to participate in Eco-Schools' Cut Your Carbon campaign. The campaign shone a light on various aspects of our lives that combine to create our carbon footprint. It did this by challenging pupils to complete nine carbon cutting activities at home.

Here's what our families achieved:

## WCPS!

We **challenged you** to complete **9 small activities across November**, at home, with friends and family. **We sent this checklist home to your families.**

Each action will reduce your carbon emissions or inspire others to also act.

<b>DITCH THE DRIVE</b> 282	<b>VEGGIE VIBES</b> 240	<b>LOVE YOUR LEFTOVERS</b> 218
<b>DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT</b> 179	<b>EFFORTLESS ADVENTURE</b> 189	<b>SAY NO TO NEW</b> 203
<b>PASS ME ON</b> 252	<b>SHOWER POWER</b> 222	<b>SHARING IS CARING</b> 168

\* Numbers out of approx. 450 children (years 2-6) asked in a hands-up survey

## ● The National Picture (some UK figures):

- **36,452 pupils** made one (or more) **journeys more sustainable** resulting in an **approx. emissions reduction of 25,087 KG CO<sub>2</sub>E**
- **29,243 pupils** **donated something** they no longer needed resulting in an **approx. emissions reduction of 146,215 KG CO<sub>2</sub>E**
- **26,588 pupils** **substituted 4 baths for 4 showers and limited them to 4 minutes** resulting in an **approx. emissions reduction of 74,464 KG CO<sub>2</sub>E**
- **30,167 pupils** **shared three pieces of carbon-cutting advice with people they know.** **That's 90,501 carbon-cutting tips shared!**
- **Overall, Cut Your Carbon actions** resulted in an **estimated reduction of 629,155 KG CO<sub>2</sub>E.**
- That's the equivalent of **driving 1,524,942 miles in a petrol car**, or **burning 302,242kg of coal**, or **charging 72,359,858 smartphones!**



On 17th January, The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) came into **Wimbledon Chase** to do workshops with years 1, 3 and 5 about **energy** and **climate change** and talked to us about what energy is, where it comes from and why **ENERGY MATTERS!** They also met with **Eco Reps** in years 2, 4 and 6 and with the teachers after school. This links with our WCPS Cornerstone **COMMUNITY**. We shared what we had learnt in a whole school assembly.



# CUT YOUR CARBON

## Cut Your Carbon: Energy Investigators

The week of 26th February was **Cut Your Carbon Week** at WCPS and we had a focus on reducing our energy consumption across the school. From switching off lights, to clearing window sills and keeping heat in where possible, we all became 'Energy Investigators' and carried out good energy-saving deeds! The Eco reps delivered a very informative assembly on the Thursday and launched an Energy-Saving poster competition for children throughout the school. The winning poster will be chosen by the Eco Reps and displayed around the school buildings.




Well done Mr Ellis for keeping your lights off and your blinds down at the end of the day :)



Eco Reps sticking dots in Mr Ellis' Office



Good energy-saving deeds!




Card Club turned their lights off when they weren't needed!




Corridor lights off by years 3 and 4 when not needed




Good energy-saving deeds!




Well done Mr Lowe for keeping your lights and screen off when possible :)




Mrs Dotchin - working away without the lights on!



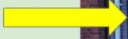

No lights needed in the staff room at lunchtime on Wednesday :)



Good energy-saving deeds!



The Office Staff have been closing their blinds at the end of each day :) Thank you!


Good energy-saving deeds!





Main and New ICT Suites - Computers and monitors off! Yay!




(If you don't switch the computers off in the small ICT suite, they will just stay on :.)



Good energy-saving deeds!


And, of course, Mr Canham!




Thank you for setting the heating timers to avoid having the heating on when it's not needed :)

Good energy-saving deeds!


# The Results!




Cut Your Carbon Week  
**ENERGY Result**



During *Cut Your Carbon* week we saved:



**151 m3 of gas**  
**258 kwh of electricity!**



We think we may have also saved:  
Around **£300 in fuel bills** for a week!



## Energy-Saving Poster Competition WINNER!

Congratulations to Ali Ahmed in Year!

...whose poster will be displayed around the school.



**Happening now:** Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

How many active journeys will Wimbledon Chase pupils make?

# What can you do at home?

## Energy Saving Tips / Reminders!

1. Switch off standby
2. Draft-proof windows and doors
3. Turn off lights
4. Careful with your washing (wash at 30 degrees)
5. Avoid the tumble dryer
6. Spend less time in the shower
7. Swap your bath for a shower
8. Be savvy in the kitchen (e.g. don't overfill your kettle)
9. Fill your dishwasher
10. Top up the insulation

[Quick tips to save energy at home - Energy Saving Trust](#)

# How much could you save?

Choose your location and add up the potential savings available for each action.

England, Scotland, Wales



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● Potential saving in £