

Earth Day Heroes Example Project Application

This project was awarded the Sapling Award. The entries are not judged on length but on how developed the projects are and their engagement and impact- see award criteria for more details.

Description of what you delivered

One of the year 6 classes helped to plan and deliver a 'switch off' week, in which all members of the school community were encouraged to turn off lights and electronic devices and get out of the classroom and deliver teaching outside as much as possible. The year 6 class planned and delivered activities for younger year groups as part of this, such as a treasure hunt/orienteering style activity. On another day, Alex from Generation Soil came to run a composting workshop with four groups of students across the whole day, including all of year 6 and year and also year 4 and 5 pupils from another local school. This got the pupils thinking about how to turn food waste into compost to grow more food again, as part of a cycle. Pupils participated in an activity to imagine an ideal school, as an activity to encourage envisioning alternative futures. Their ideas were written on colourful leaves and hung in the trees for the other pupils to look at.

How many young people were involved?

30 (planning, but far more for taking part)

What impact has your project had? (a) on the planet (b) on the young people involved (c) on the wider community

- a) we saved carbon emissions from energy usage during switch off week
- b) the young people got to lead and inspire younger pupils to take action, they also got to experience delivering a lesson
- c) the rest of the school was encouraged to get outside and got to participate in fun activities like the treasure hunt and the compost workshop. They also got to explore the tree of ideas.

How will the project continue in the future?

The new year 6 class next year could build on the ideas and come up with even more creative ways to get outside and stop using energy, if that is what they choose to focus on.

Upload the evidence to support your application - this can be documents, images, slideshow, videos, spreadsheets

