

## Collated Ideas for Eco-Schools Actions

### **Biodiversity**

- Build a bug hotel.
- Build a bee box.
- Put up bird boxes and bat boxes.
- Make a hedgehog house.
- Cut holes in fences so that hedgehogs and small animals can get through to find food etc.
- Help our hedgehogs – send home a guide for parents/carers.
- A challenge for parents/carers to build hedgehog highways in gardens.
- Put out bird feeders and bird baths.
- Make natural habitats, e.g. leaf piles, rock piles and log piles.
- Plant more hedges and trees around our field to encourage birds.
- Flower pots around the schools for bees and insects.
- Each class to have a planter outside their classroom that they are responsible for – to attract insects.
- Plants specifically to attract certain insects, e.g. lavender to attract bees or plants that butterflies enjoy.
- Have a non-Curriculum Day where we make animal habitats and plant flowers for pollinators. Children could come in their own clothes or dressed as an animal and donate money to a nature charity. Involve Nature Discovery Centre and donate to BBOWT?
- Cut some areas of the grass less – No Mow May.
- Have more logs and shady areas to encourage insects, bugs, reptiles and amphibians.
- Grow fruit bushes for birds.
- Water feature – to attract more dragonflies.

### **Marine**

- Ban 3 items of single use plastic – sign up with Plastic Free Thatcham for separate award (Plastic Free Communities accreditation).
- Cut down on laminating by suggesting alternative ideas. Or write a laminating policy.
- Avoid buying single use plastic resources for classrooms.
- Eco-Committee could promote single use plastic swaps in newsletter and on Facebook (1 every week for half a term)?
- Encourage parents to use less single use plastic in lunch boxes (e.g. re-useable plastic lunch boxes/water bottles, wax wraps instead of cling film).
- Make wax food wraps.
- Eco-Committee to have a stall at the summer fair informing about and selling alternatives to single use plastics, like metal straws, silicone lids etc?
- Promote local plastic recycling to staff and parents/carers– soft plastics, plastic tubs, Terracycle etc.

- Make plastic free Christmas decorations.
- Do a litter pick along the canal/around the lakes.
- Design some posters for takeaways that use plastic containers, encouraging customers to bring their own containers for refilling.
- Raise money for a charity that helps marine life/spend a day off timetable to learn about and raise awareness of plastic pollution and effects on marine life.
- Like we do with pens that run out – find out if there is a way to recycle other stationery.
- Have a plastic bin – maybe the plastic could then be used for DT sessions/junk modelling.
- Petition for environmentally friendly cleaning products in school.

## **Transport**

- Anti-idling policy for parents/carers and visitors.
- Travel Buddies - children chat about how they get to school and we work out 4-5 meeting places close to Parsons Down where at least once a week, they can meet their 'travel buddies' and then walk together. So, for example, meeting at the Lower Way playing fields at 8am every Wednesday and then walking together to school.
- Encourage walking/cycling/scooting to school – staff and pupils (e.g. walk to school weeks, design posters).
- Promote Park & Stride scheme.
- Promote car sharing to school.
- Promote walking/cycling/scooting shorter distances instead of using the car.
- Children write and send letters to parents to explain why they should start walking to school/ driving less.
- Do a survey every term to see if people at school are walking/cycling more and driving less.
- Campaign for more cycle paths outside the school area.
- Increase Bikeability scheme so more children are confident on bikes.
- More bike/scooter parking that is covered from the rain.
- Measure the pollution around our school and then make it better.
- Plant more hedges and trees around school boundaries to prevent air pollution in school.