

# Sustainability Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- Sustainability Inventors —Upcycling Waste
- Growing edible garden
- TfL Stars Award Progress
- Donating unwanted plants and containers for growing vegetables

## Don't throw it away, UPCYCLE, be a Sustainability Inventor!

During STEAM week, we continued to build on our partnership links with **New Leera School in Nepal** working towards sustainable goals to reduce our carbon footprint. Children across the whole school became **sustainability inventors** and developed a range of recycled products ranging from reusable bags to transport food, weaving baskets from recycled materials, making containers from newspapers, creating self-watering planters and making planters from tyres. Here are just a few examples. Get inspired!



## Growing edible plants

Children across the whole school began to grow seedlings in the Spring term, ready to plant during the Summer term in our gardening outdoor areas. They also began to develop indoor vegetable areas where they are currently growing a range of herbs, onions, tomatoes, peppers and even sunflowers! We are planning to develop our gardening skills through a range of cross-curricular links over this and next academic year.



## Donate your unwanted plants, seedlings and planters

If you have house plants or fruit tree or vegetable seedlings you no longer need, please donate them to the school. We will look after them.

## Progress towards our Goals

The children and all the staff have been working really hard over the last year, despite the COVID situation, to achieve TfL Stars Gold Award. We are on track through promoting sustainable travel, walking or cycling to school, participating at Bike It programme, exploring Road Safety as well as the environmental impact of the daily choices we make. Let's continue to journey. Watch out for more updates.

## School Streets Volunteers Needed

We need YOU. School Streets has been an amazing success for keeping the children safe from traffic outside school. In order for us to keep the scheme going, we need more volunteers. Are you able to help? If so, please contact the school office. We'd love to hear from you.

## Did you know?

We need water to live.

**BUT**

- Only 2.5% of world's water is freshwater.
- You waste up to 3.5 litres of water each time you brush your teeth if you leave the tap running! That is up to 49 litres per week wasted water just whilst brushing teeth.



## Share your ideas



Do you have an idea that can make a difference?

If you have an idea on how we can reuse and reduce waste within the school, save water or save energy, let us know.

The best ideas will be published in the next newsletter!

**Small steps TOGETHER = making a DIFFERENCE.**