



# Recycling Day

## Thursday 22nd April 2021

### RAINHAM EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

22ND APRIL

#RAINHAMEARTHDAY

### Drop us a message - join us

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Friends of Rainham Rec	Tree scavenger trail
Friends of Cozenton	WAIT AND SEE!
Flower Power Bikes	WAIT AND SEE!
Community Library (Broadview)	Eco book and seed swap
Rainham 'mini hubbers'	Making seed bombs

#### ORGANISATIONS

Rainham sewing shop	Event TBC
Rainham Library	Event TBC
The Circle Refill Hub	10% off plastic free refills
Central Cafe	Event TBC
St Margaret's Church	Event TBC
Medway Waste Team	Recycling advice stall
Medway Adult Ed	FREE online eco art lesson
Nutmegs Patisserie	Event TBC

Riverside Primary	Litter pick week
The Howard	Signed up, but events TBC
St Margaret's Infants	Tree planting, litter pick, mini climate protest and banner making
St Margarets Juniors	Composting, Earth week and eco art competition
Hempstead Juniors	Litter pick on site and Easter competition, seed planting
Thames View Primary	Recycling day

#### SCHOOLS



Make your views heard  
Leave the car at home  
Litter pick your street

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Shop local  
Join a community group  
Plant a tree  
Make and display a placard

We are delighted to be taking part in the **Rainham Earth Day Festival**.

We have decided that our emphasis will be on recycling and the problems we have with plastic pollution.

During the day, the children will be learning more about what can be recycled, how things are recycled, and what they can do both at school and at home to help the environment. The aim is to create our very own band of Eco Warriors!

This newsletter is to give you as parents and carers some information to help you at home, and also some ideas that you could consider implementing to help the environment.

### DID YOU KNOW....?

- more than 8 million pieces of plastic go into the sea every day
- a plastic bottle can last for 450 years in the sea
- 40% of sea birds contain plastic pollution
- 59% of whales have been polluted by plastic
- 1 in 3 fish caught for people to eat now contain plastic



## What are we doing at Thames View Primary School?

Each class at TVPS has an Eco Squad representative.

These children ensure that all our rubbish in the classroom gets put in the correct bin; they keep our grounds clean and tidy through regular litter picking; they make sure lights and monitors are turned off when classrooms are empty; and they look after our food waste bins.



We are in the process of applying for our Bronze Eco-School Award. Our Eco-Committee members have already undertaken an environmental review of the school, and next term the focus will be on the children choosing the three actions they wish the school to undertake.

This exciting project has been delayed due to the pandemic as we were unable to meet and mix bubbles, however we are very hopeful that this can be achieved before the end of the school year. WATCH THIS SPACE!

At TVPS we currently recycle:

- paper and cardboard in classrooms, workrooms and the office
- plastic bottles
- all fruit waste at breaktime
- food waste from the canteen
- clean foil from lunchboxes
- crisp packets



There is an online community called The Lazy Environmentalists (TLE) and they have come up with a Community Challenge —maybe you could make a week of it and try and tick off some of these ideas? We would love to hear from you and see some of your pictures if you do!



**THE TLE EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

**MONDAY 19TH APRIL** **TUESDAY 20TH APRIL** **WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL**

**Meat Free Monday**  
Eat vegetarian meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Share pictures of your meat free meals or your favourite meat free recipes with the community!

**Litter Pick Tuesday**  
Go litter picking in your local area. Share pictures of what you have managed to save from polluting our environment with the community!

**Walk There Wednesday**  
Swap a short journey for a walk, cycle or public transport. Share pictures of your no car journey with the community!

**THURSDAY 22ND APRIL** **FRIDAY 23RD APRIL** **SATURDAY 24TH APRIL**

**Eco Swap Thursday**  
Choose your next eco swap and commit to making that change. Share the eco swap you are going to make with the community!

**Second Hand Friday**  
Choose to buy second hand for the next item you want to purchase. Share what you are going to source second hand with the community!

**Shop Local Saturday**  
Choose to shop local for your groceries. Share what you have bought and where you have brought it from with the community!

**EARTH DAY!** **The Lazy Environmentalists** **DON'T FORGET TO SHARE PICS WITH US!**

### How Eco-friendly is your child's lunchbox?

We are encouraging the children who bring packed lunches into school to recycle or reuse as much of their packaging as possible. There are a few quick fixes you could make to ensure your child's lunchbox is as eco-friendly as possible!



#### Instead of....

Carton of juice

Clingfilm

Sandwich bag

#### Why not try...?

Refillable bottle

Foil / reusable plastic pot

Reusable plastic pot





There are lots of items not able to be recycled through household collections that can in actual fact be recycled through Terracycle. In school we collect all crisp packets and take them to the Medway Foodbank. They in turn send them off to be recycled in return for valuable funds. Although we only collect crisp packets in school, there are plenty of other products that normally get thrown into landfill that could be taken to the Foodbank.

## RECYCLING FOR MEDWAY FOODBANK

These Items can be collected and saved for recycling by Terracycle,  
all money generated will be for the benefit of Medway Foodbank, whilst helping clean up the environment.

Any brand of washed & drained Baby Food pouches and snack pkts



Any brand of crisp or savoury snacks, single or multi pkts



Any brand of sweet biscuit wrapper, includes single bars

Any plastic cake wrapper, inc single bars

Any savoury biscuit wrapper

Kinder Flexible Plastic Packaging



Any Lavazza Eco Pods compatible with Nespresso & Lavazza Machines



Any brand of soft bread wrapper only



Any size of Pringle tube



Foil and Rigid Plastic Packaging, Orange toy shells, (but no toys excepted)

Plastic lid & inner seal from Pringles only



Plastic cleansing wipe packaging (not baby)

Any brand plastic tablet packaging, refill pouches, & salt packaging



Personal care and beauty product, Caps, pumps and trigger sprays, (no plastic bottles)

Plastic roll on deodorants (no aerosols)

Plastic pots and flexible tubes (beauty products only)



any brand of air freshener, container, packaging, & caps

Any brand of washing, and dishwashing plastic pouches and packaging



Home wipe packaging, stain remover packaging.

Any brand of Colored fabric conditioner bottles and lids

Cleaning wipes plastic packaging, tubs & pads



Now collecting Lilly's Kitchen plastic treats, snack and dry pet food packaging and inner bags



Carex, Imperial Leather, & Bayleys of Bond Street, pumps and refill pouches



All brands of plastic & metal plastic tubes for body creams, ointments & moisturisers

Lip & Cheek highlighter & bronzer

Lipstick, glosses & balms

Mascara tubes & wands

Also collecting plastic hi-cone carry rings for beers

# IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

During the school day, your child will begin to design a poster to encourage everyone to think about the single use plastic they use and to try to make people more aware of their recycling. These posters can be improved and modified at home and returned to school **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 26TH APRIL** to be in with the chance of **winning a prize!** If they would like to start again and design a new poster, that is absolutely fine. They can enter more than one poster if they so wish, but please ensure all posters have the child's name and class on the back.

These posters will be judged by our Eco-Committee members and they will choose three winners who will all receive a prize. Their posters will then be put on our website and around the school to remind all children to recycle and make good choices about plastic.

Good luck to everyone!



We are always looking for more ways we can be environmentally-friendly as a school. If you have any ideas that you think could be implemented easily in school, please do get in touch with us. If your children have any ideas, please do tell them to let their Eco-Squad class representative know.

We hope your children come home inspired by our Recycling Day and ready to make some changes to help our environment.

**Find out what you can recycle at home and locally by visiting [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com)**