



SUSTAINABILITY SQUAD



NEWSLETTER

Meet our Sustainability Squad

Sustainability Squad: Effie, Teddy, Spike, Isabella, Zachi and Mela.

Litter Picking Team: Denis, Ameer and Monty



Just some of the things we already do at Meadlands:

- Green growing roof on top of Nursery
- Solar panels on the roof
- Recycling bins in each classroom
- Allotment where we grow our own vegetables and herbs
- Energy saving sensory lightbulbs fitted across the school
- Public transport used for class day trips
- Protected wildflower meadow
- Food waste bin used for food waste at lunchtimes
- Plastic milk cartons recycled
- Litter pickers available at lunchtimes for litter picking on the school grounds. Thank you to the PTFA who bought us a new set of litter pickers.

Wildlife is amazing – protect our wildlife! By Monty Pettit.

Spiders

Horribly, spiders get squished and killed purposely every day.

Imagine a world with **2,000,000 more flies!** That or spiders? Some might not like spiders or find them scary but that's no reason to kill them. Do you know how much Spiders do for us?

Stop it now, for less Flies!!!



Beetles and Ants.

Beetle's recycle plants and ants eat up dead animals. This keeps the environment clean and clear.

Sustainable Charities

I was interested in learning more about sustainable charities that help our environment. I researched and

found out about the following 4 charities:

1. WWF – wildlife protection
2. Water aid – clean water
3. Friends of the earth – climate change
4. Surface against sewage – plastic pollution

I presented on each charity and as a squad we then voted which charity we wanted to support and donate £100 of our biscuit money to. It was very close, but the winning charity was Friends of the Earth with 4 votes, followed by Surface against sewage and Water aid with 3 votes each.

By Isabella, Year 5



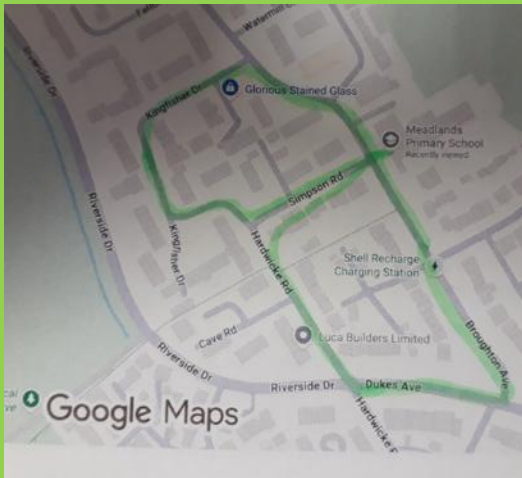
Wellbeing Walk



We noticed when walking around Ham that there are lots of plastic bottles on the ground. We decided we wanted to find an enjoyable way to litter pick, so we created our own Wellbeing Walk.

Our planned walks take in the sights of Ham including Ham House, the River Thames and Ham Lands as well as walking by lots of bins so people can throw away their rubbish.

If you have time we would love it if you would follow our Wellbeing Walk and litter pick at the same time.



From Spike and Ameer, Year 5

Active Travel

We are part of Travel for Life initiative run by TFL with the aim of promoting active travel. At the start of the year children were asked how they travel to school. 95% of the school completed the survey, with 82% sharing that they actively travel to school which includes: walking, scooting, cycling and park and stride.

Children were then asked what their preferred method of travelling to school was and 137 shared that they would like to either continue or start cycling or scooting to school instead of walking.

If your child doesn't currently cycle or scoot to school and they would like to, we have plenty of spaces for children to park their bikes and scooters.

If any parents are keen to develop their own cycling skills, Richmond Council offer free in person and online cycle training for beginners all the way to an advanced course. To register interest please click on the link below.

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/cycling_training

Cycle to Work scheme

We have a number of staff who expressed an interest in cycling to and from work. We have successfully secured a grant from Richmond and Wandsworth as part of our ongoing Active Travel work, enabling us to purchase bikes to loan to staff allowing them to cycle to work.

We also plan to retain one communal bike for all staff to use for local travel. Instead of driving, staff will now have the choice to cycle.

A massive thank you to Ben Chapman at Moore Cycles who has been very generous in supporting us with a limited budget.

Second Hand Bike Market

We are very excited to be working with Peddle my Wheels to reduce bike waste. We will be hosting our very first afterschool Second-Hand Bike market on March 11th where parents can pick up a serviced preloved child or adult bikes at an affordable price.

The market won't be held until March 2026, but in the meantime if any parents have any second-hand bikes that they would like to donate please contact Mrs Taunton-Johnson or Miss Watts. Any funds made from bikes donated by Meadlands' parents will be transferred back to us.

