



Eco Voice of Yorke Mead



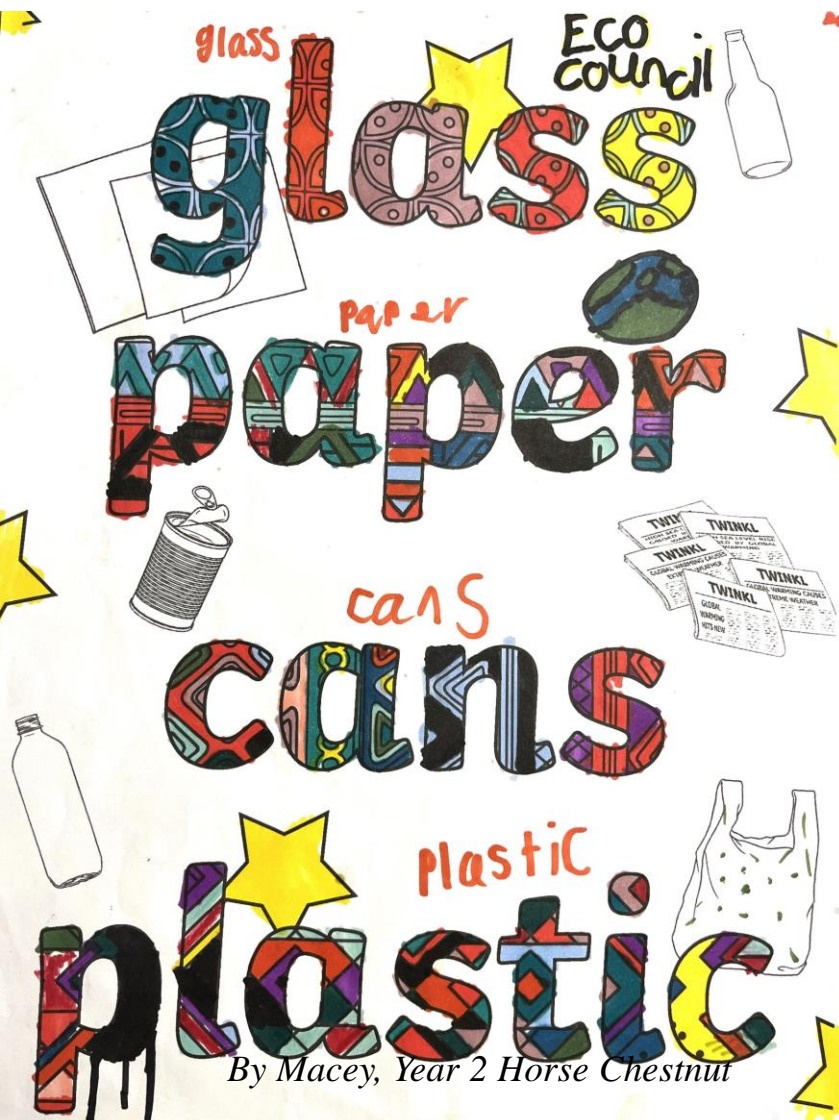
@ecoyorkemead



Eco Council invited everyone in Yorke Mead Primary school to share their thoughts, ideas about being eco-friendly, and how to tackle climate change.

We are blown away by all the contributions we have received. Children showed amazing knowledge, applied their artistic skills and produced brilliant ideas. I hope that you enjoy reading our magazine and that we not only inspire and show you that it doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming to be eco-friendly.

Mrs Ronanova and Mrs Butler



By Macey, Year 2 Horse Chestnut



Illustrated by Jade and Tess, Year 4 Maple

Recycling Clothes



If you have old clothes that you don't need anymore, put them in a bag and take them to a clothes bin. Then people will take the bags to Charity shops, Textile Banks and Recycling centers. Many clothes get rejected and sent to other localised resales. The average consumer throws away 81.5 lbs (36.96 kg) of clothes every year.



- Re-wear** – any clothing that can be worn again can be sold as second hand.
- Reuse** – old clothes and textiles can be turned into other items, for a different use.
- Recycle** – any clothing or items that cannot be used can be turned into other things.

By Amelia, Year 4 Maple

Eco friendly Santa!

You may think why have an eco friendly one? Well, every day even if you drop the tiniest of sweet wrappers, the litter percentage goes up just that little bit higher... So, together with my neighbour Sara, we decided that we should show more people that even at Christmas the world really matters, as we don't have another one. We are using recycled items to create a Christmas display using things, such as bark, old buttons and foam, cut up old school jumpers and tops, wholly black wellies and charity items.

This is going to decorate the Dover Way road sign. Please come along over the Christmas holiday and see the end result. Have an Eco Merry Christmas and a Happy Eco New Year.

By Lilly-Anne, Year 5 Ash



Illustrated by Aadit, Year 4 Maple



Attention!!! Attention!!! Attention !!!

Join the Pledge to Make Our School Eco – Friendlier

We want to reduce the amount of plastic put to landfill. Soft plastic is recyclable, yet it cost money and therefore people throw it in landfills instead.

If every child and adult in Yorke Mead stops eating a packet of crisps or sweets once a week, we can save **502** wrappers a week - if everyone takes a part. In a whole year, we would save **26,104** wrappers, and **2, 151** packets per month. This can then help our school to reduce waste and energy used to recycle these packets and wrappers.

We want to waste less, in order to do so, we can reduce what we put in our bins and recycle more.

We hope that you will **JOIN** us. Eco Councillors will have a sign up sheet in January. Lots of small changes will make one big one! Be a part of it!

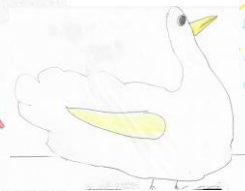
By Sebastian and Vivaan, Year 6

Wordsearch



PALM OIL
FISHING NET
ROOT
POLLUTION
ANIMALS
EARTH
FOOD
PLASTIC
LIFE
STORM
CLIMATE

Pollution



Life



Illustrated by Ruby and Charlotte, Year 4 Maple

By Isobella, Year 4 Pine



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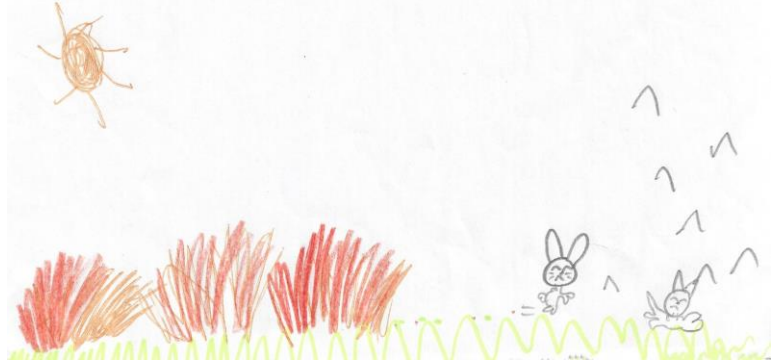
Earth is the only planet in our Solar System where life is known to be found.

Earth is a rocky planet with core mantle and crust.

Earth orbits the sun every 365.23 day and rotates on its own axis every 23.9 hour.

What is destroying Earth?

- plastic pollution
- air and water pollution
- climate change
- fossil fuels
- palm oil
- deforestation
- animal farming



What can we do to help our planet?

- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- cycle or walk, drive less
- don't buy Palm Oil products
- conserve water
- eat less meat and animal products



By Robyn, Year 4 Pine

**Every Little Helps
Cruel is not right
Open to Everyone**



Acrostic poem by Gracie, Year 4 Maple

Illustrated by Ayana, Year 4 Pine

Poetry corner

Children in Year 4 wrote a poem inspired by Maya Angelou and programme Our Planet. What a strong, stunning and emotion filled words.

Still I fight

You may tumble me down with your filthy
smoky fuels,
you might burn me with your scorching gas,
you shall drag me down by killing my majestic,
beautiful, lovely and friendly animals,
but still like a soldier battling in a war,
I fight.

Just like a scorching, blazing sun,
My temperature reaches for the tippy top of the
blazing point,
Just like a melting, boiling, barbeque,
But still, you chop my beautiful trees,
but still like a tsunami,
I fight.

Did you want to see this marvellous world
fall to its knees?
Like a soldier who lost the war?
Stop our marvellous, majestic, trees being
chopped down.

Out of the dark and into the life,
I fight.
Out of the bare forest of life,
I fight.
I am a brave, mighty soldier who battled for
years,
for years in a great war,
like a cheetah leaping, sprinting for its prey.

Leaving behind a past of destruction,
I fight.
Into a future of beautiful breath-taking life.
I fight.
Embrace the challenge of trees and plants,
I am a lion, I am a dream, I am the hope
of all majestic species.

I fight,
I fight,
I fight.



By Aadit, Year 4 Maple



Still I Stand

You may fill me up with toxic fuel,
Creating tragedy, making issues,
You may shove me in the dirt until I am
buried.

But still like a strong brick wall,
I stand.

You shall de-frost me until I am bare,
Reducing my trees to 50%,
Like a melting ice in the freezer,
But still like a mighty wooden door,
Still I stand.

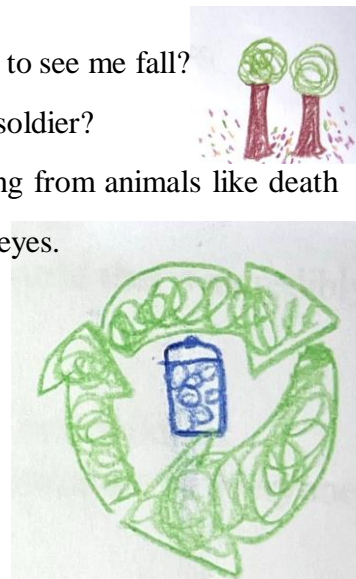
Did you want to see me fall?
Like a dying soldier?
Blood shedding from animals like death
Flooding my eyes.

Still I stand.

I stand.

I stand.

I stand.



By Roel, Year 4 Maple

*Illustrated by Gracie and
Phoebe, Year 4 Maple*

Still I Stand

Out of the despair,
I stand.

Up from the rising trees,
I stand.

Embrace the challenge,
Open our eyes,
I am a free spirit.

Leaving behind decades of toxic
waste,
I stand.

Into creating a beautiful world,
I stand.

Blossom blooming over my head
With pretty, white buds.

I stand.

I stand.

I stand.

By Gracie, Year 4 Maple



Picture by Lena, Year 2 Horse Chestnut

Still I Dream

You might destroy 60% of my nature,
Guns shooting, killing my animals,
You might build things on top of my
wildlife,
But still like a hurricane,
I dream.

Just like a burning bonfire,
My temperatures reaching 50 degrees,
Like a melting ice cube,
My icebergs fading away,
But still like a grenade,
I dream.

Did you want me to break?
Like a broken heart?
Volcanoes erupting like fireworks,
Helping me is your part.

Reduce deforestation,
I dream,
Embracing the challenge we face,
I dream,
I am a mighty forest, strong and brave,
Like a soldier, I am mighty, and I save.

Moving away from years of hunting,
I dream,
Embracing a new world that's incredibly
luminous,
I dream.
Bringing the gift of new wildlife,
I am the wish and aspiration in everyone's
heart,
I dream,
I dream,
I dream.

By Tess, Year 4 Maple

Illustrated by Ruby, Year 4 Maple

Energy – save it by turning off a light
when you are gone,
Corns, apples and carrots – everything
takes ages to grow so help by being
eco-friendly,
On the roll – pick up litter, help the
world and take care of growing food.

Acrostic poem by Lily, Year 5 Rowan

Please stop littering, it is damaging our environment. This leads to plastic ending up in the ocean, there are many reasons for this, and it may strangle an animal or endanger them.

We should also stop using our cars, they emit toxic fuels and are polluting our planet. There are more wildfires starting because of fuels from cars that heat the world up.

If you want to do your part than you can help by walking or cycling to places instead of using your car and heating the planet up more.

Let's save the planet!

By Oscar, Year 4 Maple

Earth is the only planet that we can live on, so we need to save it.

Animals are losing their homes because people are cutting down trees for farmland.

Rare animals are almost extinct!

The world needs to be saved.

Help by using less plastic.

Acrostic poem and picture by Isobella, Year 4 Pine



Food-waste reducing recipes

Tried and tested by Yorke Mead families! Did you know that 0.9 million of bananas are wasted in the UK every year? And shocking 20 million slices of bread too.

Banana Cake recipe

Ingredients:

140g of butter, softened, plus extra for the tin.
140g of caster sugar.
2 large eggs, beaten.
140g of self-raising flour.
1 teaspoon of baking powder.
2 very ripe bananas, mashed.

Method:

Heat oven to 180°C/ 160°C fan/ gas 4.
Butter a 2lb cake or loaf tin and line with parchment paper.
Cream softened butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy.
Slowly add 2 beaten eggs.
Fold in the flour, baking powder and the smashed bananas.
Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 50 minutes.



By Alfie, Year 6 Red Oak

Bread and Butter Pudding Recipe

Ingredients:

60g butter
10 slices of stale bread
60g sultanas
½ lemon, zest only
350ml of whole milk
100ml double cream
3 eggs
60g golden caster sugar
1tsp vanilla extract
Nutmeg

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/ 160 °C fan/ gas 4 and butter a baking dish (20cm x 25cm).
Butter the slices of bread and cut them into quarters. Arrange half of bread quarters, buttered side up in a dish, scatter sultanas and lemon zest, cover with the rest of the buttered bread.
Whisk eggs with 50g sugar, add milk, cream and vanilla extract.
Pour the mixture over bread, soaking it all, let it rest for 30 minutes and then bake for 35 - 40 minutes.
Serve with custard.



By Patrick, Year 6 White Oak



Ecosia

I would like you to start using Ecosia to help the environment. Ecosia is a search engine, like Google but better for the environment. Ecosia use their profits to plant trees. They use all the money they make for climate action, most of their money is spent on planting trees.

Ecosia uses solar panels to power the internet searches we make. They make enough solar energy to power the internet searches twice over. That means they don't use fossil fuels like coal or gas which will run out one day. All the fuel they use is renewable, which means we can make more of it. So that is better for the environment.

On Ecosia, you can see how many trees you have helped to plant. The more searches you make, the more trees you can help plant. So far Ecosia have planted over 100 million trees. They plant them in 35 countries across the world like France and India. On their website you can read more about the tree planting projects in the different countries. So, start using Ecosia today and tell everyone you know to use it too. Then you help save the planet while doing your homework.

www.ecosia.org

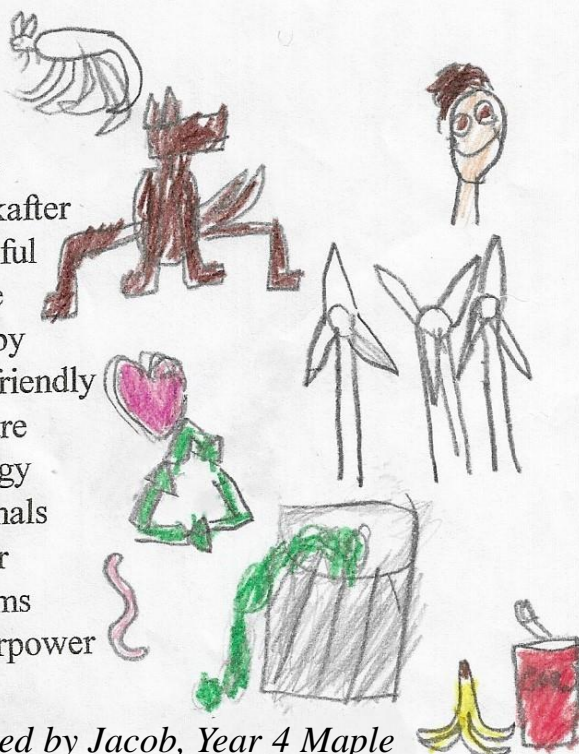
By Charlie, Year 3 Sycamore

WORDSEARCH

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Find following words:

Cat
Dog
Yay
Care
Lookafter
Careful
Love
Happy
Ecofriendly
Nature
Energy
Animals
Litter
Worms
Solarpower



*Illustrated by Jacob, Year 4 Maple
Wordsearch by Lena, Year 2 Horse Chestnut*

How to be Eco friendly over Christmas

During our Eco Council meeting, we discussed ways to be more environmentally friendly this Christmas. Here is our children eco-friendly guide for Christmas:

Turn scrap paper into wrapping paper by drawing Christmas designs on it.	Turn off the lights when leaving the room, turn off the Christmas lights before going to bed.	Recycle or reuse wrapping paper by doing the scrunch test. If you can scrunch the paper and it stays scrunched it can be recycled.	Pop a jumper on when you get cold, instead of turning the heating on.
Charity shops donations for any unwanted decorations.	Use festive cloth instead of wrapping paper.	Make Christmas cards for friends and family.	Read a book or play and keep the TV off.
Have screen free day.	Create homemade decoration.	Gift tags can be made by cutting up old Christmas cards or magazines.	Remember: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Love your Teddy, Love Environment

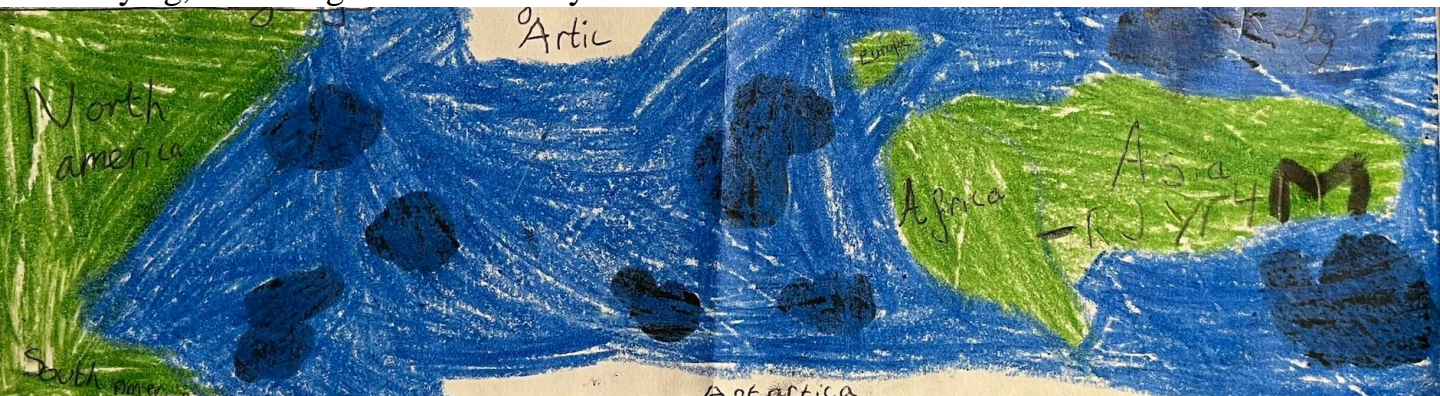


These cuddly pigs are made from recycled plastic bottles, and they are still so snuggly. One is so good; it is my favourite. Things that are good for environment, can be wonderful.

Lily, Year 5 Rowan

1 minute to listen and learn,
Worlds are important, we need to take care,
Our precious world needs help it is out only lair,
Rip the pollution and machines to shreds,
Lying and producing, you are not little mice,
Destroying, fun and games is not very nice.

*Acrostic poem and picture by Ruby,
Year 4 Maple*



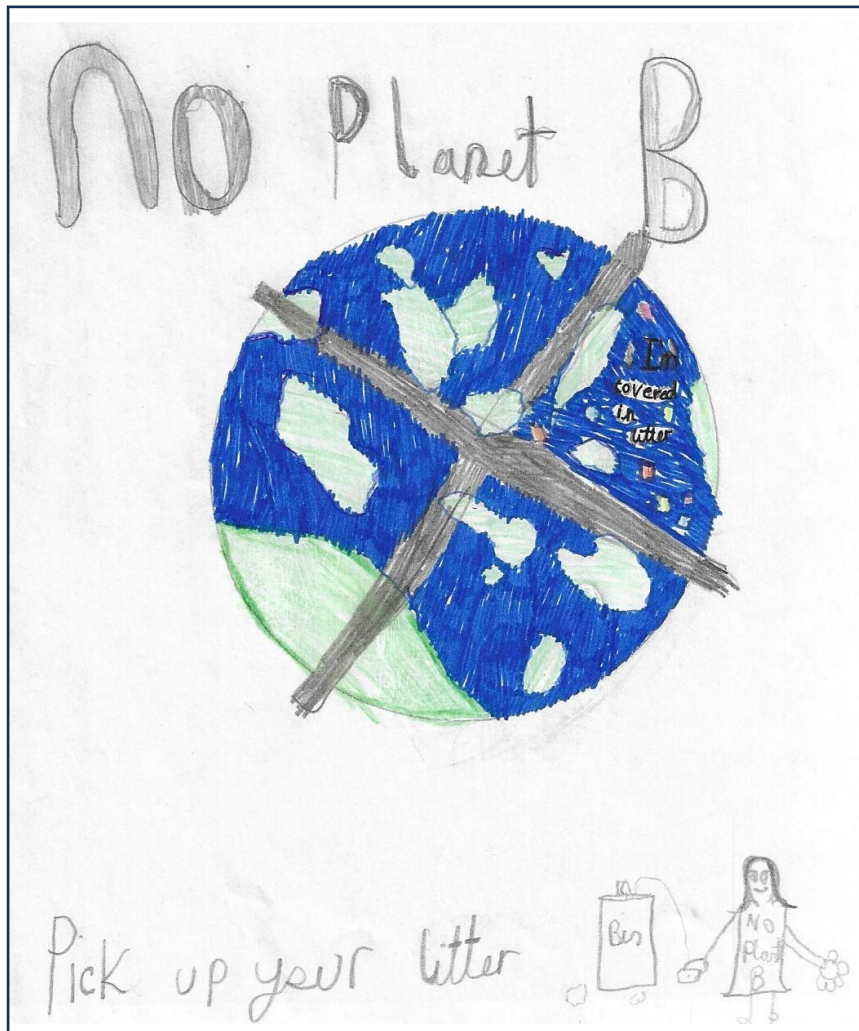
Planet facts

- Animal population is reduced by 80%
- Greenhouse gases are growing
- Animals die, we die
- Natural beauty is low
- More dump and waste in lakes.
- People killing animals for meat.
- People cutting down trees for paper.



***So, STOP littering
and let's make
natural beauty
together.***

By Ayana, Year 4 Pine



Picture by Anonymous

NEVER throw litter



Picture by Ariella and Ceci



YORKE MEAD TOY SWAP

At Yorke Mead
Primary School - hall
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Free, with donations
Welcome

Pop along
and see us,
no need
to book.

Everyone is welcome.

Friday 9th
February
2023

Bring along pre-loved
toys and
unwanted gifts
that you no
longer want
or have grown
out for and
swap them
for gifts
you'll love.

Toy and Unwanted Presents Swap

Poster by Amelia and Evie, Year 4 Maple