

WES ECO CLUB

Year 8 students





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Our plan aims to:

- ▶ Increase native biodiversity within the school grounds
- ▶ New planting schemes to help offset pollution
- ▶ To create a wildlife corridor, connecting the Heath, William Ellis, Parliament Hill, and the surrounding neighbourhood
- ▶ To educate pupils, staff and the school community about the benefits of urban wilding
- ▶ To engage the school community in the wilding process and offer rewilding & gardening skills
- ▶ To embed climate change action and connection to nature into the school culture
- ▶ To use planting for carbon capture, and offsetting expected future temperatures, contributing to improving the sustainability of the school
- ▶ To contribute to Borough targets for school community engagement and sustainability
- ▶ Reconnect with nature

WES ECO club

“I hope the Eco club will provide a space to truly connect with nature through hands-on experiences, knowledge and skill sharing, and conversations. With this experience, it is hoped that these young people will have the confidence to carry out positive actions in their local school area and beyond now and in the future.

The club will be a relaxed space helping to create a sense of trust, community, and belonging, as well as giving nature a helping hand”

PROJECT 1: TEACHERS' CALM SPACE/STUDENT STUDY ZONE (POND, WILDFLOWER MEADOW, HEDGE)

Wildlife pond: preformed sturdy pond holding 350l of water (length: 164cm, width: 122cm, depth: 46cm) filled with native pond plants

Small Native Hedge: to cover the unsightly fence & increase wildlife habitat

Mini Orchard: small apple trees

Wildflower Meadow: spring flower bulbs for early spring cheer

Sowing yellow rattle (to suppress dominant grass) and wildflower seeds

Other: adding wildlife elements like log piles and climbers





The Eco club will be a mix of activities

- learning about wider environmental issues
- why rewilding areas is a good thing
- learning about local wildlife
- learning about and undertaking practical habitat management (in line with the plan) and wildlife surveys
- learning about plants their uses and benefits for us and other species
- we will also have days where we have a fire and roast marshmallows and cook campfire bread.
- we will have some wood carving days.
- skill-sharing days with Parliament Hill School where their eco/gardening group come to help out at WES and visa versa
- there will also be a chance to complete level 2 of the John Muir award if they wish to. johnmuirtrust.org

Next steps.....

- ▶ If you are genuinely interested and would like to help please complete the sign up card and hand to WES Reception by Wednesday 3:05pm.
- ▶ 12 students will be invited to join as founding members of WES ECO club.
- ▶ There will then be an initial launch meeting to talk you through the different stages of the project.
- ▶ The ECO Club is expected to meet for 1 hour per week

I am interested in joining WES ECO Club

- ▶ My name is
- ▶ My tutor group is
- ▶ My school email address is
- ▶ I think I can bring the following skills to the club:
 - ▶ 1.
 - ▶ 2.
 - ▶ 3.
 - ▶ 4.
- ▶ I want to join because:

- ▶ Return to WES reception FAO Mr Mangham by Wednesday 3:05pm