



# Eco Club



## *This week saw our second annual eco-week at school*

On Monday we had a visit from Gill, a beekeeper, who brought some of her bees in to school in a glass hive. She explained how important bees are to the environment. Amelia from Eco Club said "I can't believe how many bees live in one hive". Leyton said "We need bees to pollinate our food crops." The children were buzzing (sorry!) with excitement all day. We have some honey to try out next week in Eco Club from Gill's bees.



## Class Activities

Eco Club have been using old wrapping paper and magazines to make a Father's Day Surprise!

In the afternoons, teachers had "powerdown" lessons where the computers and smartboards were turned off to save energy. Singing, for example, was accompanied with musical instruments played by the children instead of the computer.

Each class was tasked with using recycling to create something new in art lessons. Swift class "decopatched" plastic and cardboard to turn them into pretty trinket trays, pots and vases. Owl class had an "art attack" style lesson where they worked in groups to make models of horses, robots and cars amongst other things.



# Recycling

On Wednesday, Braintree District Council visited and talked about the importance of recycling as much of our rubbish as possible. The children played a game sorting out which rubbish went into the bin. We all learnt something new. Did you know Pringle cartons need to go in special beverage recycling bins with juice cartons. A list of where these are located is on BDC website. Joshua remembered that “you must put lids on milk bottles otherwise they are too small to get recycled.”



Eco Club went on a walk with Mrs Brumby and Mrs Harris to the local nature reserve by the river. Michelangelo said “We found spiders, ladybirds, bees and snails.” They listened to the birds singing and found out they were wrens and robins... and it didn't rain!

We read stories about Dragons and Magpies who learnt to look after the environment and what could happen if they didn't. Arabella was upset to see rubbish on our Eco walk outside the school and said “we must do another litter pick soon.”

All the children have been very enthusiastic this week and we are very proud of our little eco-warriors. After all, they are the ones who can make change happen in the future.



## Looking Forward...

We have a rescheduled assembly by Friends of Bocking Blackwater who will talk more about our local nature reserve.

