

PARKDALE ECO NEWS

HELP NEEDED. Can you help us collect resources?

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We have some very exciting changes coming to our grounds. We are hoping to add some extra outdoor areas to enhance the range of activities that children can do. We do need some help.

We need lots (hundreds!!) of pine cones, acorns and conkers and small twigs. If you are out for a walk and can collect some (if the landowner allows), please bring them in to school.

We will also need lots of logs and tree branches. If you have these please let the school office know.

Climate Officer visits 5 Maple

Sim Duhra, the Climate Change Officer, at Gedling Council visited 5 Maple on Thursday 26th October. Sim came to 5 Maple to discuss recycling. She talked about the correct items you should put into recycling bins and what shouldn't go in, for example, hard, plastic refillable water bottles can't be recycled so need to go in the general waste bin.

Sim then showed everyone a presentation revealing how paper is recycled—there were lots of pictures showing the many different types of machines needed to do this. 5 Maple had a go at making their own recycled paper. Annyiah said, " Sim gave us shredded paper which we put in a bowl with water and stirred around, then squeezed and put on a grid. We were in groups of 3 and every group made 1 sheet of paper. "

It was a great experience for everyone.



Making recycled paper

5 AUTUMN ECO CHALLENGES — GET INVOLVED

ECO's councils Autumn challenges run throughout November. Children are challenged to donate toys to charity, go on a walk, litter pick, plant a tree seed in recycled packaging, and make a bird feeder. All children completing the 5 challenges will receive a certificate, a sticker and 3 house points.

These challenges will count towards our new Green Flag Award application and it would be fab to see children from all year groups participating. It's great to get outside and see the changing Autumn landscape. Now it is getting much colder the birds will appreciate the food you put out.



Making a bird feeder

ECO TIPS Try walking to school at least 2 days a week. If you live too far away and come by car, get dropped off round the corner and walk the rest of the way. **Junaid Year 6**