

PARKDALE ECO NEWS

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH JANUARY 2024

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Members of ECO council surveyed the numbers of bird in our grounds on Monday 29th January. The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's biggest wildlife citizen science project with over half a million people taking part. The ECO team observed and identified birds, counting the highest number of each bird species seen at a time, over a period of an hour.

It was a cold and damp morning but 21 birds were seen, including robins, starlings and goldfinches and of course wood pigeons.

The RSPB survey is vital to show which species of bird are thriving and which are struggling and will hopefully give clues as to why some species of bird are suffering a serious decline and how this may be reversed.

It is vital that garden bird numbers are maintained so please put feed your garden birds and provide clean drinking water.

HELP NEEDED!

WE NEED SOME HELP! We are planning to create a large outdoor area with equipment and structures to allow children to explore and play in the natural environment. A specialist company will provide the hard landscaping and structures but we need help planting up the area as we have hundreds of trees arriving soon.

Parent groups could happen after school or at the weekend if there are sufficient numbers.

If you could help please contact Miss Howe at the school office.



The team bird watching

Parkdale School Offering Community Recycling

At Parkdale, we are committed to the 5 R's; refuse, reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle.

We are refusing to use microplastics - no more glitter used in school, reducing paper use as we move to digital learning, reusing school uniform, repurposing containers as refillable glue pots and recycling soft plastics, pens, crisp packet and batteries.

Soft plastics and crisp packets can be recycled at local supermarkets as you do your weekly shop, however to help the local community raise recycling rates we are now collecting soft plastics and crisp packets. Please put your soft plastics and empty crisp packets in the large red and blue box outside the school office.

A grey tub labelled 'pens' in the main school reception is available for all your dried up felt tips and pens. These will be counted and added to school recycling total then taken to Rymans for recycling.



Soft plastic and crisp recycling

ECO TIPS When you recycle make sure you put the **RIGHT THING** in the **RIGHT BIN**. **Zachary Year 4**
(PLEASE DON'T PUT BLACK BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLING BINS)