

# PARKDALE ECO NEWS

## Tilda and Tai win GBC Litter-acy Competition

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Sim Duhra, Climate Change Officer, set Gedling schools a challenge to create a poem or rap highlighting the problems of litter in the community. Our ECO team were up to the challenge. Tai, a talented rapper, joined our afterschool ECO club to set Tilda's outstanding lyrics to music. The children recorded the rap themselves, with Tai adding his own sound effects. We heard this week that Parkdale had won the competition. Tilda and Tai will visit the Civic Centre next week to receive prizes from the Mayor.

We will release the rap on our YouTube channel next week. It gives a very important message about stopping littering to keep our community looking clean.

## Car Idling Along Cliff Road

We all know that parking a car and leaving the engine running is bad for the environment but did you know that it produces 20 times more pollutants than one travelling at 30mph? It is also very bad for your car engine.

We have noticed that cars arriving early for the afternoon pick-up can be left running whilst parked for several minutes.

We would like drivers to turn off car engines to keep our air clean. To remind everyone of this, Jesse one of our digital leads, has created a poster to remind drivers to turn off their engines when parked.

The posters will be displayed along the Cliff Road fence.



Please keep our air clean!

## EARTH HOUR Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.30pm

Earth Hour began in 2007 as a way for people around the globe to show their support for the planet by switching off lights for 60 minutes. This pause gave people time to think about the future of our wonderful planet and to raise awareness of the huge environmental issues that are affecting it.

This year, 60 Earth Hour and the WWF hope to hold the biggest switch off yet at 8.30pm on Saturday 23rd March.

At Parkdale we will be switching off lights for 1 hour from 2.20pm when children begin the 'Rabbit Run' around the school then will take time to think about our planet, reading an environmentally themed book.

Could you spend 60 minutes on Saturday evening doing something positive for the planet?

## BIG SCHOOL CLEAN 2024

The 15<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March is Big School Clean Week. The Eco team took litter pickers into the school grounds and collected litter from the playground and along the school boundary with Cliff Road.

We were shocked to have collected 5.4kg of litter this term.

We will continue to aim to keep our school grounds and the local community pavements litter free in the coming months.



Members of the ECO team litter picking near Cliff Road.

**Remember you can recycle crisp packets, batteries and pens in the containers in the entrance to the school office.**