

Star Gazer

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Test Valley Borough Council Recycling Stars Newsletter

Welcome to our sixth newsletter. Recycling Stars is going from strength to strength and we thank you for your support.



Recycle Week took place during September 2018 and in Test Valley, it really was a busy affair! Around 500 people took part in 20 projects throughout the borough which is brilliant!

Romsey Brownies and Andover Cubs took part in fun activities to learn more about recycling while Youth in Romsey and the YMCA in Andover did various craft activities. In Nursling, a talk about recycling took place and roadshows took place in libraries, supermarkets and community centres across the borough. At St Mary's Church in Andover, a special church service took place celebrating its newly acquired Silver Eco Church Award which encourages the whole



congregation to become more environmentally friendly. Well done and thank you to everyone for organising and taking part in such interesting projects. **You are all Recycling Stars!**



Plastics in the Ocean is a hot topic at the moment so we've created a new resource for schools and community groups. Our PowerPoint presentation explores the topic of plastic - its origins; why we are so dependent on it; how and why it is causing so many environmental problems; and what we can all do to reduce this problem. If you would like a copy, do get in touch.



Thank you to everyone who recycled their real Christmas tree this year! They are all composted to produce Pro-Grow.

Want to join in? Becoming a Recycling Star Supporter is simple!



We now have more than 100 Recycling Stars Supporters! Becoming one is so easy and it's a fantastic way to get everybody recycling more and wasting less!

Any business, school, parish

council or community group can become a supporter. Simply provide us with a point of contact for your organisation and in return, we will provide you with information and support including talks, visits and workshops. We also promote our supporters and all their

achievements.

For schools, we also have a really comprehensive education pack online. It is linked to the primary curriculum and includes formal lessons, fact sheets and craft activities.

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Appleshaw Visit

Georgia, George, Lucas, Harriet and Jonah are pupils at Appleshaw St Peter's CE Primary



School who have commented about our recent visit: *"We had a great visit from the Recycling Stars Team in July. We played a game where we had to sort rubbish, we learnt about how materials can be reused and turned into useful items or even art! We also learnt about plastic in the ocean and how some sea creatures confused plastic for food or get caught up in plastic packaging. Because we learnt so much, we presented what we had found out to the whole school. We talked to the classes about how to recycle properly and what things you can do to reduce waste".*

World Wildlife Week

During the summer term, we attended Knightwood Primary School in Valley Park to help with their themed week. David Bassett (teacher) said *"We arranged for Test Valley to come in and teach our children about litter and recycling. The team were fantastic! Not only did they cater for all classes and year groups, but they went above and beyond to make sure that each year group's tasks were differentiated for their age and ability, whilst also relating to the National Curriculum. They brought a range of materials with them, which kept the children engaged at all times, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On top of this, children of all ages came away with a secure understanding of how and what to recycle, whilst showing enthusiasm to go home and educate their parents on what they had learnt as well. If any schools are thinking of arranging a similar event at their school, then do not think twice about having Test Valley visit. You won't be disappointed!"*



Environmental Action at The Romsey School

We have recently been working with The Romsey School's Eco-Group to explore how we might be able to provide support. Under the guidance of teacher Steve Stannard and his colleagues, the Eco Group has been very active over the last year helping the school's students explore the problems that plastic waste poses to ecosystems and human health. This awareness has led to a number of practical changes at the school from setting up recycling bins through to helping to reduce or eliminate single use plastic across the school. The Eco-Group are also developing an action plan to consolidate some of the practical actions they have already carried out. The picture is a customised recycling bin designed by the Eco-Group.



Want to get in touch with the Recycling Stars Team?

If you would like to find out more about the Recycling Stars initiative or how your organisation can join in, please contact the Recycling Stars Team:

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