

# Eco

## **Educational for Sustainable Development**

For many years, Mabllins Lane School has been a very 'eco aware' school and has won many awards for this. We continue to integrate education for sustainable development within the curriculum so that children can see that this is part of every day life- we need to look after our home- planet Earth.

We have an annual Green Week in school coinciding with Fairtrade Fortnight where we have a whole school project around a subject such as Water Aid, Fairtrade, recycling. We have (pre Covid) held Fairtrade market stalls all week to raise awareness and we have had visitors into whole school assembly to, for example, show us the places they visited in Ghana or to show us how many plastic bottles can be used to make a fleece jacket etc. We aim to resume these activities.

We have a Green Team of children who have had a variety of roles and activities over the years, such as monitoring energy use and switching off lights, acting as marshals on the playground to monitor littering, to explore green crafts where we re-purpose items and create something 'new' (for example decorative origami from pages of an out of date road map pages).

This year, the school council will have a new format. Formerly named 'school council/JLT', this group of children will now be known as our Earth Heroes. The plan is to meet the children after school each week to discuss issues and action we can take.

As a school, we are working hard to develop our curriculum to address sustainable development challenges that are currently facing the world. We aim to equip our children with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to tackle these challenges and to lead sustainable lives that will protect the longevity of the planet. Our new Earth Heroes Council will work to develop school life at Mabllins Lane to collectively provide solutions to global challenges.

Our children are tomorrow's adults and the future of our planet looks brighter when so many children are adopting earth friendly attitudes, showing understanding and planning action and spreading awareness back at home and in the community.