

Next Eco Meeting: TBC

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2020 trees by 2020: Update

In our last week before school closure, we managed to plant 257 trees at school. With the help from members of Mrs Ambrose's, Miss Joseph's, Mrs Murphy's and Mr Edward's tutor groups, who spent tutor time planting. We had Lots of staff out planting at break times as well as students from our provision and sixth form at lunchtimes. It really was a group effort to get these trees in before we left. Langford Village academy joined in our challenge with support from Emma Dunham and planted 9 trees on their site. There were 30 trees delivered to St Mary's Church of England Academy in Stotfold which our netballer's had planned to plant this week, but were unable to. Hopefully the few children that are still in, will be able to get these trees planted and they will send us some pictures. We also had a trip planned next week for planting 200 trees at Polehanger farm. These trees are already at the farm and Mrs Ambrose dropped off the canes and guards (whilst practicing social distancing). So Mr Foster, the farm owner, will have a big job to plant them himself with his family. He has promised to send pictures once they are in.



Sixth formers: Ben and Christian planting trees on site



Langford Village Academy students with Head Gardener from Wrest Park, Rosie, Headmistress Mrs Randall, BEST staff Alison Austin and Guy Sirchia and our very own Emma Dunham.



Students from our provision planting on site

Covid-19's Impact on the Waterway's of Venice

By Tamsin

As the coronavirus spreads, more and more countries are deciding to go into lockdown, the UK included. Italy was one of the first European countries to make this decision and as a positive result, the waters of Venice have returned to their naturally clear state. Usually, thanks to pollution from diesel powered commuter boats and water buses, the waters of Venice are dark and murky.



However, without influence from humans, mother nature has reclaimed the waters of Venice back to their original state. For the first time in years, swans have been welcomed back to the waterways and small shoals of fish can now be seen in the crystal clear waters. So, maybe this virus will have a more positive impact on the environment than we think.



If you would like to submit an article for the next edition of SWA EcoNews:

Email it to

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The Effects of Lockdown on the Environment

By Will

During the many lockdowns and quarantines in many countries, the environment has struck back and taken the opportunity to regrow. These are just a few things that have happened due to the coronavirus:

There has been a drop in air pollution, within many countries that have lockdowns. Greenhouse gases emissions have dropped, due to slowing economic activity, fewer emissions are being released. In Venice, the water has cleared from its murky water to clear water, swans have returned and you can now clearly see the fish (see above article). The planes have been stalled and even though this is bad for the economy, it is reducing a huge amount of carbon emissions.

There are also some disadvantages:

The many hospitals around the world are piling up a huge amount of waste products. Climate isn't the main crisis any more so people are starting to ignore it.

ECO WARRIORS

ECO COMPETITION

To enter our competition you need to draw a comic strip. It should have a super hero who is intent on helping to clean up the planet. You decide on the story and the characters. Each newsletter will we aim to publish one. You can do it by hand on a piece of plain paper and either take a good quality photo and send to me or did you know: you can use the notes app on your iphone (if you are lucky enough to have one) to scan a document which will be a really good quality.

Happy comic strip making, parents, students and teachers – all entries welcome.

Email them to:

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From the Reprographics room...

Simon Franklin

Unfortunately we have had some devastating news this week, our beloved Simon, from reprographics, has passed away. He was a fantastic person who really put his all in to the tasks he undertook for the school. We will miss his column here on the newsletter too. I'm sure his column for this newsletter would have talked about how the closure of schools and the online learning that students are undertaking have saved lots of paper and printing, which is a benefit for the environment. The one thing I learnt from Simon in the time he was at Samuel Whitbread Academy, is that you can make a difference no matter what your job or role just by being incredibly passionate about what you do and spreading positivity with a 'can do' attitude. This will inspire many people around you to be better. This is what I felt he did here. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.