

SWA ECO NEWS

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Tackling Pumpkin Waste



Every Halloween pumpkin waste in the UK amounts to about 18,000 TONS of pumpkin!

Research done by Hubbub and Knorr found that 40% of UK consumers buy pumpkins to carve, but 60% report they do not use the pumpkin after carving and instead throw it out! This is a great waste of food and such a sad waste of enjoyment.

Here are some delicious recipes you can use this year to use your carved pumpkins for, such as

- pumpkin pie

<https://lovingitvegan.com/vegan-pumpkin-pie/>

- Pumpkin soup

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/pumpkin-soup/amp>

Competitions

BeGreen Art Competition: Create an a4 piece of art showing the importance of biodiversity.

Gresham College Competition: create a short presentation on one of the given topics (year 12 only).

These are a great opportunity to get involved with eco committee and win some great prizes! For more info come to one of our meetings or refer to the competitions poster.

An Eco Halloween!

Halloween is a lot of fun, but can have a negative impact on the environment. Here are some tips on how to have a more sustainable halloween.

- . **Costumes:** Most shop bought costumes come in plastic packaging which cannot be recycled and ends up in landfills, and research by Hubbub found that 40% of costumes are only worn once and end up being thrown away. Buying costumes second hand, swapping with a friend or making them yourself is a great way to reduce plastic and textiles waste.

- . **Sweets:** Many are wrapped in plastic which cannot be recycled. Opting for more eco-friendly packaging, such as sweets wrapped in paper or recycled plastic will greatly reduce the plastic waste you contribute to through trick-or-treating this year.

- . **Decorating:** another way to cut down on plastic waste is by making diy halloween decorations. This is also a great way to reuse 'rubbish' from around the house, such as cardboard tubes, cereal boxes and plastic bottles. Here is a link to a website with many fun ideas:

<https://daisiesandpie.co.uk/10-easy-diy-halloween-decorations/>



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Green Flag

Recently, we achieved our Silver Green Flag award. Here is the photo of us with our flag used in an official press release by the council!!

Thank you to everyone who took part in making this possible.

Join Us!

Join us at lunchtime on Wednesday week A in room 115. All year groups welcome!