



Barrow CEVC Primary School

Inspire, Create, Discover, Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an update on our sustainability work as part of the 'Our Schools, Our World' programme we joined earlier this academic year.

Since launching this initiative, we have made strong progress and are really pleased with how our whole school community is getting involved.

What has happened so far

- Thank you to everyone who shared feedback through our surveys and conversations – this has helped shape our next steps.
- We now have a Sustainability Working Party in place, made up of staff, governors and parents, helping to guide and drive this work forward.
- A whole-school Climate Action Plan has been developed, setting out our priorities for the coming years.
- Staff and governors have completed training, ensuring a shared understanding and commitment across the school.

Things to look out for

Over the coming weeks, you will see:

- The launch of our new Sustainability page on the school website
- Further development of our school grounds to support nature and outdoor learning
- Our participation in National Outdoor Learning Day in May
- Developing learning for our children
- A key focus has been embedding sustainability into everyday learning:
- We are "greening" our curriculum, with a stronger emphasis on outdoor learning and understanding the natural world.
- A two-year rolling programme of sustainability themes has been created and linked to our school's Big Ideas and values.
- This term, all classes are taking part in sustainability challenges and pledges, helping children take practical action.
- Our summer term enrichment clubs all have a sustainability theme or focus.
- We are continuing to develop our outdoor learning spaces and opportunities across the school grounds.

Summer Term Focus: BIODIVERSITY

This term, our whole-school focus is Biodiversity – helping children understand how to protect and encourage plant and animal life in our local environment.

How you can get involved at home?

We would love families to join us by making a simple biodiversity pledge. You might choose one or two to focus on together:

- Plant flowers (in a garden, pot or window box) to attract bees and butterflies
- Leave a small area of your garden to grow wild
- Build a bug hotel using natural materials
- Put out a shallow dish of water for wildlife
- Explore local green spaces and talk about what you notice in nature
- Plant something new (trees, herbs or vegetables)
- Reduce mowing to help wildflowers grow

Small actions really do make a big difference and these shared experiences help children develop a lifelong respect for the world around them. Please do share photographs and news of your pledges via Google Classroom. We will be selecting your projects to share with the children in assemblies in school and through our weekly bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support as we grow this important work together. If you would like to be involved or have ideas to share, please do get in touch via the school office.

Warm regards

Nadine Fairweather