

## Stafford Borough Eco-Schools Network

Eco-Action Day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013

### EVALUATION

Please complete the following questions, to help us find out what you liked about 'Eco-Action Day' or where we could make improvements.

*Please return to Karen asap  
(but by 19<sup>th</sup> July at the latest, thank you!)  
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		Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Any additional comments welcome
1	<b>Venue</b> (Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's headquarters)	Xxx x XXXXXX xx			What a lovely venue. It was relaxing, scenic and interesting. The students have never been before, but, they said that they would love to re-visit with their families.  <b>The venue gave children who had not been to the wildlife trust before, an opportunity to see what was available there, sending back to their family information about a possible visit.</b>
2	<b>Overall structure and timing of the day</b> (eg too long/short, too rushed/slow)	xxxxxx	xxxxx	x	I felt the day was well planned. Some activities did go over time as the students got really engaged with them. I do think that the lunch break was a little too long.  <b>It gave us time to arrive after registration and return to school for the end of school</b>
3	<b>Arrival and registration arrangements</b>	Xxxxx xxxx	xxx		Very well organised.
4	<b>Welcome, opening words and reminder of schedule for the day</b>	Xxxx xxxxx	xxx		This was well delivered and not too long.  <b>It was good to meet altogether and see who else was there.</b>
5	<b>'Wallace!'</b>		x	X	<b>Very good but a bit</b>

	<p>A unique theatrical experience from Theatre Na Nog, telling the tale of the inspirational man from the Welsh valleys who co-published the theory of evolution with Charles Darwin.</p>	<p><b>X</b> <b>x(three stars!)</b>  <b>xxxx</b> <b>xxx</b></p>		<p>(x?)</p>	<p><b>old for the children we took; they needed more interaction.</b></p> <p><b>Children were enthralled - not a murmur while he spoke an excellent performance and we all learned something.</b></p> <p><b>‘Wallace’ was very good.</b></p> <p><b>Children loved this even though the language was a bit over their heads at times. The questions at the end showed that they had engaged well with it. Younger ones found it harder to follow, but really well done overall!</b></p> <p>The students really enjoyed Wallace. At first they thought it was going to be boring, but, the gentleman played the part so well he really got the students engaged. Very good!!!</p> <p><b>Children really engaged and interested. Children liked the props and could talk about the story afterwards.</b></p> <p><b>Very inspiring and beautiful to listen to!</b></p> <p><b>A little slow to start but all enjoyed by the end.</b></p> <p>We all loved this! Children said it was “amazing”, “very, very good”, “enjoyable” and “I really enjoyed the play. Although it wasn’t a straightforward message of why we need to keep the earth safe, it still told us why we have eco-reps – to save different</p>
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					<p>species and to discover new things”.</p> <p><b>This is an unfair score, in that, the production, presentation, content etc were all very good, but there was not enough interaction for the children and not enough room either.</b></p> <p><b>Brilliant, the children that we brought didn't know who William Wallace was although they had heard of Darwin through plant hunting.</b></p>
6	<p><b>Get fit, have fun, go green in the 'Bike it Bonanza!'</b></p> <p>In which children learnt how to do a bike safety check, spot problems, take off a wheel, fix a puncture.</p>	xxx	Xxx xxx	xxx	<p><b>Was a little bit advanced for my Younger children they enjoyed it but the class session was a bit too long.</b></p> <p>Spent a lot of time labelling the bike.</p> <p><b>The children had thought this was going to be the bike trails and riding bikes session so perhaps a bit disappointed. The bike safety check was useful. The puncture repairing was probably less useful for this age group and better aimed at KS3.</b></p> <p><b>The letter had mentioned 4 activities so children had been looking forward to doing led trails and making smoothies as well. It perhaps would have worked better in place of the bike safety/repair session. Time was tight as bike check/repair session over ran.</b></p>

				<p>Students enjoyed this particular activity even though they thought they knew what to do. They did learn from it.</p> <p>Disappointing as it was felt that completing the labelling activity was a time-filler. The biking itself was disappointing.</p> <p><b>Interactive for the children. More time needed at this activity as the children really enjoyed it! Maybe the children could bring their bikes?</b></p> <p><b>Could have been more hands on. Children not really engaged. Maybe too long. Activity sheets great!</b></p> <p>Sessions gave vital safety information but children thought they were a bit too long.</p> <p><b>The children were a little disappointed as the permission slip re biking had suggested that they would be making smoothies etc, so that was what they expected, rather than a sit down exercise and an observed demonstration. The tyre change demo, was however very well done.</b></p> <p><b>Again Brilliant the children all enjoyed it. The only complaint was that they didn't have a go on the Smoothie making. I was disappointed to find that funding for school visits only went to central Stafford schools.</b></p>
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7	<p><b>'It's great to grow and be eco!'</b>  A wealth of hands-on activities with the Royal Horticultural Society and our hosts, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, making wormeries and wildflower bombs and exploring the wild creatures in the wildflower meadows.</p>	<p><b>Xxxx  xxxx  xx</b></p>	<p><b>xx</b></p>	<p><b>Children enjoyed it perhaps next time they could plant some seeds. Wormery thing a bit messy.</b></p> <p><b>Children interested and enjoyed making things. Good activities.</b></p> <p><b>Really good hands on session.</b></p> <p><b>A little rushed for time and children would have happily spent longer collecting creatures in the nets. Practical and useful ideas that would be easy to recreate back in school. Sorry we forgot the egg boxes and plastic bottles!</b></p> <p>Students engaged well with this activity and thoroughly enjoyed the wildflower bombs and wormeries.</p> <p>Students have taken this activity back to school and would like to do again as part of our Eco Club.</p> <p><b>Interactive for the children, hands on and could use these ideas in school.</b></p> <p><b>Loved this!</b></p> <p>These sessions gave us some great ideas for future activities and it was great being able to take things back to school - we enjoyed throwing the seed bombs and hunting for worms back at school. The children loved getting their hands dirty! Hunting in the meadow was a</p>
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				<p>great hit too!</p> <p>Lots of ideas to take away- thanks!</p> <p><b>All the children enjoyed it. I will be making lots of Flower Bombs with the rest of the school. Lots of after school club ideas. Great!</b></p>
8	<p><b>Lunch Break</b> Litter free lunch break, ride on the mountain bike track, explore the grounds and play time.</p>	<p><b>Xxx xxxx</b></p>	<p><b>xxxx</b></p>	<p><b>Bike track was very popular but was over very quickly.</b></p> <p>Students did enjoy the grounds and shop and the mountain bike track. <b>School had a walk around the site.</b></p> <p><b>Didn't all get chance to use mountain bike track</b></p> <p>Children said it would have been nice to have seats or benches to sit on to eat!! SBC only brought the bike track with them. There was a huge queue for this and our children were really disappointed that they did not have time to use it. We were told that there would be time for them to have a go at the end of the day but it was all packed up by the time the theatre production had finished. The grounds were great to play in during break times. Mr Law has learnt that you can recycle crisp packets!</p> <p><b>We were lucky because we had finished our activity fairly early and had lunch straight away. Other groups however were delayed. The queue for the biking was really long and thus ate into the next activity time for some</b></p>

					<p><b>groups.</b></p> <p><b>Lots to keep the children occupied in a safe environment.</b></p>
9	<p><b>Closing Words</b> Announcement of litter free lunch results, farewell words and messages, thank-you's and departure.</p>	xxxxxxx	xxxx		<p>After a full day of activities the ending was not too long which enabled the schools to get off in-time for their end of school day.</p> <p><b>We missed this due to getting back from the bike bonanza. Could this also be shared through email?</b></p> <p>Over run – difficult when children are relying on buses back at school.</p> <p><b>Unfortunately our because one of the schools in our 'Bike it Bonanza!' activity had been held up because of the queue for the mountain biking, we were late finishing, so we missed most of the closing words.</b></p> <p><b>Again great to get together at the end of a fabulous day.</b></p>
10	<p><b>Eco-goody bags and other things to take home (wormeries, seed bombs, wildflower seeds etc)</b></p>	Xxxxxx xxxx	xx		<p>Students like the goody bags and the wormeries / wildflower bombs are ready for our next Eco Club meeting.</p> <p><b>Children pleased with what they made. Eco goody bags were a nice surprise.</b></p> <p>Thank you for your generosity. The children particularly like the bracelets (hi viz).</p> <p><b>Children always love a present and it had useful information to</b></p>

				<p>take home.  The children shared out the wormeries and flower bombs. It gave us an opportunity to show the rest of the school what we had done and gave us a good opportunity to follow up with an assembly with props.</p>
11	<p>Childrens' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)</p>	<p>Xxxxxx  xxxxx</p>	x	<p>All enjoyed the day very much, particularly those that don't know the Wolsley Centre.</p> <p>Children really enjoyed the day.</p> <p>The children had a great day!</p> <p>"I liked the bug collecting best!"</p> <p>"I was traumatised by the theatre!" (turns out he meant to say 'mesmerised'!)</p> <p>"I loved going on the bikes."</p> <p>See attached poster of such a fun day at Eco Schools Action Day. This will be put into our school end of year bulletin and is currently on our Eco Club notice board.</p> <p>Theatre group part was very popular. TAs reported that even children who are often difficult to engage, were really interested and asked lots of questions.</p> <p>Thoroughly enjoyed all of it, only slightly disappointed that they had missed opportunity to go on the BMX track. Especially enjoyed</p>

				<p><b>making of wormeries and seed bombs.</b></p> <p>Great children's quotes on theatre production (ablove), which they obviously loved and told their parents and class teachers about when we returned to school. Children have said overall the day was "very good and entertaining" and "brilliant".</p> <p><b>"My favourite part about the day was when we made the seed bombs"</b></p> <p><b>"I liked it when we did the BMX track"</b></p> <p><b>"I wish we could have made a smoothie by pedal power"</b></p> <p><b>"On the Eco trip we had lots of fun! I would love to go again"</b></p> <p><b>" the bikes were bril"</b></p> <p><b>One girl got home and checked every thing on her bike.</b></p> <p><b>"didn't understand the play"</b></p>
12	Teachers'/ other helpers' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)	Xxx xxxxxx	xxx	<p><b>The children loved it thank you so much to everyone who helped organise the day. We threw our seed bombs at gardening club the following day and also found worms for out wormeries.</b></p> <p>An excellent day particularly as it didn't rain. The children enjoyed all aspects and it was great that they could let off a bit of steam at lunchtime by exploring and shelter building. Good story tellers worth their weight...</p>

				<p>A good mix of activities and hands-on. "Wallace" was very good!</p> <p><b>Parent helpers liked the fact that different ages of children worked so well together, with older ones looking out for younger ones. They were impressed with the theatre show. Lots of good comments about the lovely grounds and wildlife.</b></p> <p><b>A great day possibly just the bikes activity was a bit disappointing.</b></p> <p>A very enjoyable day!!!</p> <p><b>TAs said it was a really good day with a lot going on. Everyone enjoyed it.</b></p> <p>Much improved activities. We have been inspired to have whole school activity in making seed bombs to help with further progression in our wildlife garden. Also decided to amalgamate 'Eco and Gardening' clubs together, this coming from our 'Eco Action' Day.</p> <p><b>Enjoyable day! Weather also helped with being outside. A great day enjoyed by all the children.</b></p> <p>We all had a fantastic day – thank you very much for organising it! We now have some good ideas for future activities. We were really pleased</p>
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				<p>with the activities as they were accessible to pupils of all ages and abilities. The clear pictures and interactive nature of the <i>Spot the Bike's Problems</i> activity meant that even our younger and less able children were able to contribute. The day has renewed our, and the children's, enthusiasm for all things eco. Thank you again!</p> <p><b>Thanks for an interesting day full of diverse, fun activities. I gleaned lots of ideas especially during the RHS part.</b></p> <p>Just loved the whole day. Surprisingly very un-stressful. Usually taking children out is the most stressful thing we do. Lots of ideas to take back to school to share with children, staff and parents.</p>
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**Do you have any other comments/suggestions?**

“Thank you so much for everything this year, have a good holiday see you in September!” St Michael’s

Thank you for a wonderful Eco-Action Day. We all had a fantastic time.

Barnfields

“Thank you once again for all your hard work in organising the Eco-action Day our children really enjoyed themselves and learned lots. So did the adults!”

The organisation of the day was excellent we all knew where we were supposed to be at what time and it ran very smoothly once we had got there. The children have made great comments about what they did.

I would like to see an animal/bird/plant study instead of the bike session, perhaps a life cycle or something – frogs linked to pond dipping, food chains etc. But I appreciate it is good to ring the changes and the children loved the bikes - so difficult to say!! Another idea is the forest crafts ideas – building a fire, den, identifying trees. Working with willow. Berkswich

Thank you for such a wonderful day Karen. SGB

Hi Karen,  
Everybody really enjoyed the eco-action day, thank you. It was a really nice end to the term for the eco-group. Tittensor First School

Hi Karen,  
Thank you for a brilliant day last week. I have attached our evaluation form.  
Enjoy the rest of the summer.  
Flash Ley.

**Thanks, Karen, for helping support our group so that we could still enjoy the day (as short on staff cover!)**

**Although the theatre was interesting and very professionally presented, I think the children would have enjoyed it more if it had been more interactive or more visually stimulating (eg last year's story tellers involved the children and the props they used were bright and colourful and stimulated to all the senses.) I thought the activities with the RHS and Wildlife trust were great can be transferred to school eco club or gardening club next year.**

**The children really enjoyed the portable bike track experience, but were a little disappointed that there wasn't more during the activity session- as they were led to believe from the permission slip for biking.**

We had a great day again and would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved in organising this event!

...Maybe if we had known before-hand what the play had been about we could have found out about Wallace, although the children enjoyed it  
And I have never seen them sit quietly for so long.  
I was good for them to learn about a person that they may not have come across, being over shadowed by Darwin.  
The children are very lucky to be given the opportunity to experience such a day that not only teaches them new things but gives them a chance to meet children from other schools who are like minded.  
A "Big Thankyou" from Staff and Children of St. Leonard's First School, Dunston

Recycling Officers Feedback: "We did enjoy Tuesday thanks – looks like everyone was having a great time!"

RHS: "It was an excellent day and I particularly enjoyed myself as I don't get out much these days!"

I'm really pleased everyone enjoyed the day on Tuesday. I really enjoyed working with so many schools and it all seemed to run smoothly.