

Stafford Borough Eco-Schools Network

Eco-Action Day Thursday 2 July 2015

EVALUATION

Around 115 children participated in the event this year from 9 schools, including high schools, primary schools, first schools and a special school too. A teacher or helper from each school filled in an evaluation form after the event, to help us find out what they liked about the Eco-Action Day and where we could make improvements. The results are summarised below. It looks like it was a pretty good day!

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		Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Any additional comments welcome
1	Pre-event information and communication from Karen	9			All very clear.
2	Venue (Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's HQ at Wolseley)	9			
3	Overall structure and timing of the day (eg too long/short, too rushed/slow)	6	3		We struggled to get there on time and we had to dash away. Would like 10 till 2.30 Timing was great for older children, but more challenging for our little ones when we tried to get them through the toilets.
4	Arrival and registration arrangements	8	1		Apologies that we were late and missed this.
5	Welcome, opening words and reminder of schedule for the day	8	1		Apologies that we were late and missed this. Karen had a schedule all ready for us and the schedule was very clear throughout the day.
6	'You should ask Wallace! by Theatre Na Nog A unique hands on theatrical experience taking us on an expedition of discovery to the unexplored Amazon!	6	3		All the activities were amazing especially the theatre which was so cool!! We enjoyed the hands on element to compliment the story of the play

7	'Mini-beasts and Meadows!' Making cress caterpillars and exploring and investigating the meadows.	9			The children were really pleased with these and keen to show and explain what they had made. The children are still talking about how much they enjoyed this. It was very well explained.
8	"Nature's Art" Shaping and decorating clay rabbits, creating natural art features and making hand-prints for the Giant Earth!	9			The children were very excited about how they had made these. This was a real favourite for a lot of the children.
9	Lunch Break Litter free and healthy lunch competition	8	1		I realise now what we could have done better with better communication with the kitchen at school. Maybe some literature to give to parents would go well with this.
10	Lunch Break Workshop 'Exploring Soil' Workshop with Samantha from 'Farming and Countryside Education' (FACE)	6	1		N/a did not participate Did not get chance to experience this (through fault of our own). I would have liked more time to explore this further as it was really interesting.
11	Closing Words Announcement of litter free lunch results, farewell words and messages, thank-you's and departure.	7	2		Didn't see this; sadly we had to leave early. A quick game/song about working together to protect the planet may be good here. Maybe if we attended again we could arrange for our parents to pick children up from school a bit later.
12	Eco-goody bags and other things to take home	7	2		This enabled us to better communicate with parents what we had done.
13	Childrens' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)	9			Please see below

14	Teachers'/ other helpers' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)	9			Please see below
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Childrens' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)

'The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. They were really excited to talk about all of the activities and to show what they had made at our celebrations assembly on Friday'.

'The children really enjoyed the whole day. They loved the "Nature's Art" workshop and the Mini-beasts and Meadows!' They thought the 'You should ask Wallace!' was quite long, but we really enjoyed the mini nature hunt afterwards.

That was a brilliant day....!

Can we do it at school....?

Children commented on the length of the 'You should ask Wallace! by Theatre Na Nog' experience saying it was too long (Year Two).

All of the children that attended thoroughly enjoyed the day- they have not stopped talking about it since!

When will you have another day like that?

'My favourite part was the land art.'
 'I liked sticking the flowers with Wallace.'
 'We had lots of adventures.'

I had a lovely time, it was amazing!

I stepped on one of the froglets when my friend put it down, I did not see it, sorry ☹

'It was the best trip I have ever been on!!'

I love the wildlife at Wolseley!

I will *defiantly* be back with my mum, Nan, Grandad and my sister! (!!)

Thank you for a truly amazing day!

'From now on I will do my best to stop dropping litter and to care about the environment...'

'Eco day was the best day ever!'

'Thank you for a wonderful day!'

'I would like to thank you for a great day...before the trip I did not like bugs, they used to scare me ... now Duncan has told me about them I am more confident!'

I had a great time at Wolseley but the best part was the theatre because of the way the person acted!'

All children really enjoyed their day. "It was the best day ever!" said Patrick, "Can we come again tomorrow?"

They loved the freedom of being outdoors with interesting activities to complete.

Teachers'/ other helpers' general feedback (any quotes welcome!)

The two members of staff who attended said that it had been a great day and that the activities had been pitched really well because the children really enjoyed them and were interested in them.

The event was well organised, well-resourced and staffed. The extra pair of hands (from a young Stafford Borough employee) we had in the afternoon was very welcome because I was on my own with my group.

I would agree with the children, although very impressive, I thought 'You should ask Wallace! was just a bit too long for the younger children and the language was also quite difficult for them. That said, all in all it was a super day! Thank you!

Really enjoyed the day! It renewed my enthusiasm to do more ecology in our own school grounds... and to buy some clay !!! A Cameron, Teacher

Some of the vocabulary in the 'You should ask Wallace! by Theatre Na Nog' was too advanced for the age group of my children and the children didn't really understand what was going on (Year Two).

Thank you so much for organising such a fantastic day, it really was a treat for all of us that attended. The trip was enjoyable and educational – we would definitely love to come again!

Everything was superbly organised and differentiated so that it met the needs of all children. Activities were pacy, which ensured that all children were engaged at all times. There were so many great ideas that we have been able to develop with this class and we will be able to use with future cohorts.

It was the first Eco-Day we had both attended and we all really enjoyed the day. It was carefully organised with a good amount of time for each activity and the Eco message was clear and not overpowering.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

eg would you like us to run this event in the future? Is it the right time of year? How could we improve the event for schools?

Thank you so much for such a super day. All children enjoyed with high levels of engagement. I hope we will be able to attend next year too.

Brilliant day – very well organised - thank you all so much.

Thank you for a fabulous day.

We had a great time – thanks very much for inviting us. Yes, right activities at right time of year.

For us, the only slight downside was that it was say 20/30 minutes too long. The type of pupils I brought/would bring in future have fairly limited attention spans and they tend to fade in the afternoon, becoming inattentive and sometimes disruptive. Apart from that, the day was excellent – all enjoyed it, even those who profess to “hate” the outdoors!

A huge thank you for organising and inviting us to the Eco Action Day last week. Both the children and I enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

Thank you for the Eco-Action Day it was very much enjoyed by all of the children.

Thanks for a great day!

I think this event is an excellent opportunity to get likeminded young people together as a reward for their hard work. The children had a great day. I think it should certainly go ahead next year if at all possible and we would certainly support it – staff willing! The timing is good, as having reasonable weather is quite important to the success of the event.

If this event continues to grow in popularity to more high schools, it could then be a split event- activities for younger children and more involved events for older pupils? Thanks again!

This is an excellent event and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. I know our school would love to attend again next year should the opportunity arise. A big congratulations to you and all of your staff for organising such a successful and fun day out and thank you for inviting us!

Next year – yes please 😊

When will it be eco day again?

The time of year was good. If earlier though, it would leave more time to enhance learning opportunities throughout an entire topic. We would be very keen to attend again if possible. The children gained a lot from the experiences.

It is the right time of the year, or even a week earlier, at the end of June. A little more time was needed at lunchtime to investigate the soil, etc. A synopsis of the play would have been useful to talk through with the children and maybe a little “Question and Answer” session before the play would get the children engaged from the start. Overall it was a fabulous day, Thank you 😊