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Newsletter #55
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Share your eco win of the week with us!
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The Ink Bin News

Broomgrove Junior School

East of England CO-OP

Congratulations to East of England Co-op in Wivenhoe for saving 14.69kg from landfill and raising £73.83 for Broomgrove Junior School!

It's Wildlife Month at The Ink Bin!

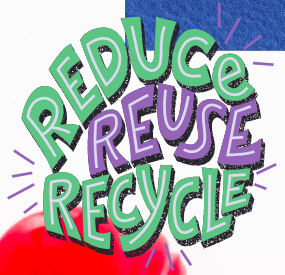
This month at The Ink Bin we are focusing on wildlife, on our doorstep and further afield. From badgers giving birth to birds seeking food and snowdrops starting to appear, February is a great month for some wildlife learning!



The Ink Bin's Eco Tip of The Week- Put a lid on!

In order to save energy when you are cooking with boiling water, boil water in the kettle instead of a saucepan, or put a lid on the pan to make your energy usage much more efficient.





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This Week in Your Eco Club...

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February is ECO KIDS Wildlife Month!

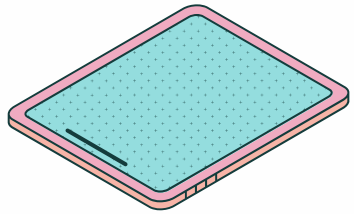
Preserving our wildlife is so important as wildlife provides balance and stability to the processes of nature. During the winter months the local wildlife needs our help more than ever, so it is important to do everything we can to help wildlife conservation.

For wildlife month, we want to set a challenge to make signs around your school grounds that will create awareness for other pupils about the importance of wildlife and how we can help preserve it.

Top Tip

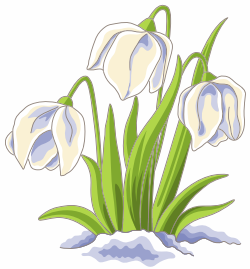
Use leftover materials or paints to create bright and beautiful posters that will be eye-catching to other pupils, helping to further spread awareness.



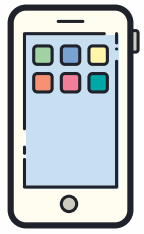


TEACHERS.. WhatsApp your images to us on 07712 577528 and save the number to your phone contacts!

By protecting wildlife local to you, you are also helping other species as often by helping one species, you are also assisting another.



Did You Know? Female badgers, known as sows, birth very early in the year, often in January or February.



Get those cameras out to catch your wildlife finds! But remember not to disturb habitats.

RSPB Birdwatch...

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 28 and Saturday 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

www.rspb.org.uk

Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife.



News From Stanway Fiveways Primary School

"Last week during our Eco council meeting we spoke about the RSPB birdwatch coming up this weekend and asked children if they would like to make bird feeders over the weekend. We gave them some instructions and bird seed. Olivia made one at home and we have hung it up with the school feeders".



Plastic building blocks by ByFusion

BYBLOCK IS THE FIRST CONSTRUCTION-GRADE BUILDING MATERIAL MADE ENTIRELY FROM RECYCLED (AND OFTEN UN-RECYCLABLE) PLASTIC WASTE.
This company has started turning non-recyclable plastic into blocks that are suitable for building. They are now successful in processing 450 tons of plastic a year.
With only 9% of America's plastic currently being recycled, moves like these are what can really make a difference.



Following an oil spill caused by strong tides off the coastline of Peru in Tonga, workers and volunteers are pulling together to help remove oil from the sea, with some locals even donating their own hair to help mop up the oil spill.

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in the news:

Plans to ban various types of single use plastic in the Isle of Man have been met with support. These include banning items such as plastic bags, polystyrene cups and plastic cutlery

Global Wildlife Watch



Introducing the African Firefinch, the rainforest equivalent of our robin. As well as being found in highly vegetated areas, like our robin, African firefinches can be seen in and around gardens in rural villages. Birds are both important to ecosystems as they help to disperse seeds.

