

OUTWOOD OBSERVER

**Did you know?
Only 10% of children think
the British Government is
doing enough to tackle
climate change.**

**Did you know?
17 million people are
thought to be short of food
in East Africa because of
drought.**

**What can you and
your family do to help
the planet?**

- RECYCLE
- TURN OFF LIGHTS
- WALK/CYCLE TO SCHOOL
- EAT LESS MEAT
- LOOK AFTER THE ANIMALS SUCH AS HEDGEHOGS AND THE BEES

SAVE OUR PLANET

Our school cares about the environment as there has been an increase in pollution, global warming and climate change. Keeping our Earth healthy and clean is important to us all here at Outwood. It is so important to Outwood that sustainability is part of our school curriculum throughout the whole year and in particular this half term.

Recently, countries met in Egypt for COP27, which was the 27th annual UN meeting. They met to discuss plans and new ideas to tackle climate change looking at reducing emissions, helping countries prepare for climate change and getting tech support and funding for poorer countries. It follows a year of disasters triggered by climate change, extreme weather events and broken temperature records.

The newspaper club investigated why climate change matters. "Earth is our only home" Henry yr6 reported. "We have to look after it". Climate change is a very dangerous thing. It is when the temperature is increasing or decreasing. The world is warming because of emissions produced by things people do – like burning fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal. When we use petrol to drive our cars, it lets out a gas into the atmosphere that is also toxic for us to breathe and smell. By 2035, Scientists believe that petrol cars will be banned in the UK and that the price of electric cars will decrease.

The global energy crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine could speed up a move to more sustainable energy. Russia had been the world's biggest exporter of fossil fuels. But the breakdown in supplies since the war began means governments are looking for other reliable energy supplies.

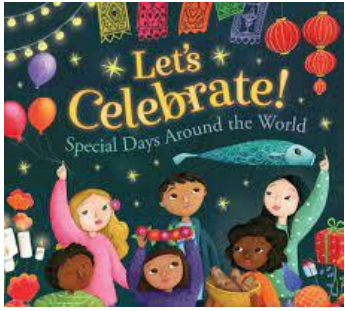
Global temperatures have risen by 1.1°C and are heading towards 1.5°C. If temperatures rise 1.7°C to 1.8°C above 1850s levels, half the world's population could face life-threatening heat. Our climate here in Britain is increasing. This is a serious problem. You may think having nice, hot weather is a change for Britain but increasing temperatures across our country and others, mean that the ice caps are melting, which means that animals like polar bears and penguins are losing their icy homes.

Another huge problem is litter and plastic pollution. Littering is a serious problem that needs to stop. Lots of our rubbish is either burned in an incinerator (creating dangerous emissions) or buried in landfills. Many items can be recycled and made into other items. We need to reduce, reuse and recycle and think about ways of being more sustainable. Year 1 and 2 have been designing and making their own sustainable bags which they have taken home and will use all the time when they are shopping. Year 6 sent letters to Stockport council explain why people need to stop littering. They also wrote to persuade the council to stop removing plants and trees to build buildings and parking. Year 6 wanted to persuade the council to plant more trees and plants as they are vital for the health of the earth and humans.

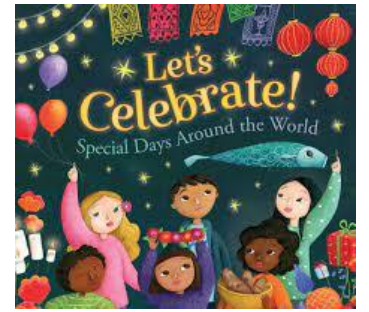


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Celebrations at Outwood



Here at Outwood, we celebrate different diversity. Our library is filled with books for the children to read. We look at what binds us as human beings, compassionately exploring the experiences of a range of diverse identities.

Christmas

Outwood has celebrated Christmas in different ways. First, with the EYFS/KS1 nativity which Mrs Clayton has reportedly said “I’m joining those party animals!” This was a great event, lots of fun and the parents loved it; with a dinner on the 13th December; with a carol concert and readings at St Catherine’s church on the 16th December.

Ramadan/Eid

Ramadan is a 30 day fast that Muslims do at certain times of the year. Fasting for children is not mandatory. Eid is celebrated at the end of Ramadan. During Eid, you are supposed to dress in new, fancy clothes. Some people may also decorate their hands with henna.

Diwali

The children have loved celebrating Diwali. Poorvika in FS2 said “I love Diwali!”. The children learnt about what happened during the festivity. During the celebration, they cook sugary Asian sweets, wear pretty clothing, open presents (or get money), watch fireworks, decorate the houses and family and friends celebrate creating beautiful Rangoli designs. EYFs learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and used puppets to help them retell this story.



Hanukkah



Black History Month



Halloween costumes



Some of the many festivities we celebrate here at Outwood

Reading at Outwood



At Outwood, we are passionate about all children learning to read and having a love for reading. We know that it is an invaluable skill for life. Did you know that reading reduces 68% of stress and anxiety?

Outwood has an amazing library with lots of well stocked, up to date books. The children love to come and sit and read and share books with others. Every class also has a class book corner with lots of wonderful books to read. The book corners are welcoming and comfy places to sit and share a book.

Every day, the children listen to a story from their reading spines. Year 5 loved reading Varjak Paw and might be reading the sequel soon!

Throughout the year, Outwood runs different events to celebrate reading such as the Readathon, World Book Day and author visits. Earlier in the year, some KS2 got to meet Cressida Cowell and bought her new book. This half term, EYFS and KS1 children met the local author Sean Perkins. They listened to his new book “Oscar and Ben: The Birthday Party”.

Reading at Outwood Primary School is also celebrated across the local authority and Mrs Clayton shows many schools around showcasing what reading looks like at Outwood. We are very proud of reading at Outwood.

