

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Heron Hall Eco-Committee have asked that I send a letter to parents as we approach the Summer Term to remind students about bringing a re-useable water bottle to school. This is so that students have access to water during the school day and at lunch time as the weather warms up. The Eco-Committee have been working hard to try and reduce the use of disposable plastic water bottles within Heron Hall Academy and to increase recycling and to reduce litter.

Every year we participate in the 'Great British Schools Spring Clean' and we hope to start some of these next term, with different form groups participating.

If your child is interested in joining the Eco-Committee to become involved in other environmental and community events, they should ask their form tutor for an application form.

As you may be aware, Heron Hall was recently named as a finalist in the UK's Secondary School of the Year competition. I think this shows, in part, that we are trying to do everything possible to provide an outstanding education, to inspire our students to succeed and also give them the care they need for their well-being at Heron Hall.

I hope you enjoy the half-term and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 7th June 2021 in full school uniform.

Yours

Mr Saunders and the Eco-Committee



Eco-Schools Committee

The Eco-Schools group has been a student group from all year groups across the school working towards a greener and more sustainable Heron Hall Academy. Initially, starting with a small group of around 5 students the group grew in size to around 20 students. These students attended Fortnightly Eco-Committee Meetings and work towards becoming 'Global Citizens'. An audit took place to find out student views about environmental matters; litter and recycling came out as top issues that students wanted to tackle.



The Eco-Committee prepared an Action Plan to help tackle the issues raised. Students created an action plan for improvement at Heron Hall Academy using resources from the online Eco-Schools Toolkit. This led to the group achieving the Eco-Schools Bronze Award due to the work in school to promote environmental awareness.

Heron Hall Eco-Committee

If you want to be part of the eco-committee at Heron Hall Academy. Collect an **application form** from the **eco-committee display board** outside science (near medical).

Recycling has begun..

Support the clean up Queensway Campaign...

Cut down on plastic - use a water bottle

Get ready for citizen science...

When will hibernation of the bees end?

Ready for wildflower spring?

Eco-Schools	
Heron Hall Academy Eco Committee	Application Form
Are you interested in the environment, sustainability, recycling, sustainability and helping to improve the school and local environment?	
The Eco Committee is responsible for carrying out the initial and subsequent Environmental Review and the monitoring and action plan for the school. We are looking for students who are interested in the environment and who are willing to be involved in the school's environmental activities.	
First Name	
Second Name	
Form Group	
Home Address	
School Address	
Please complete the form before explaining why you would like to become involved in the eco-committee.	



A number of litter picks around the school took place to raise awareness of litter and to try and reduce the amount of litter on the school grounds, with the students participating in the annual big spring clean, run by the Tidy Britain Group.

Recycling of materials, including paper and plastics were identified as areas to target following the audit. The Eco-Committee completed a recycling project along with promotional material to raise awareness of the need for recycling in the school and to try and cut down on single use plastics.



Heron Hall Eco-Committee

Eco-committee members will be visiting **form groups on a Monday** with the **Green Recycling Bins**.

The members of the team will visit each teaching room to collect your **paper, plastic bottles and cardboard**

Team members will be checking **all classrooms** and photocopiers have a **green bin**



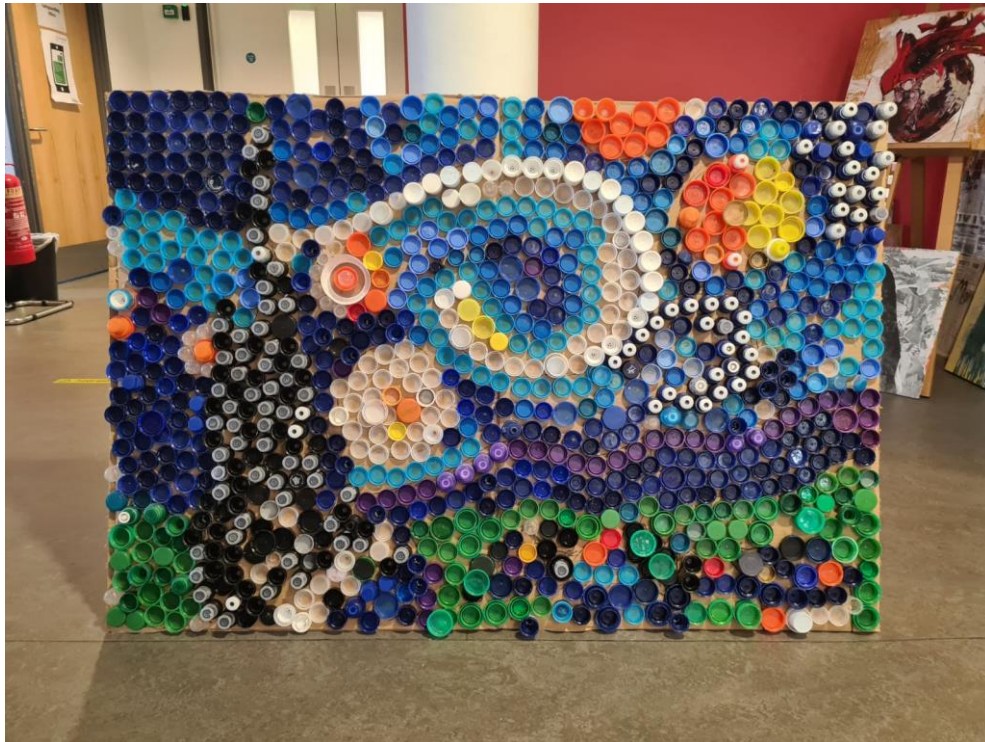
Each floor
Has a green
Recycling bin..
Do not bring
Recycling out of your
Form –
**Recycling is coming
To you...**

As part of the committee students led on a number of environmental initiatives and encouraged staff and students to recycle. From small beginnings, with a small number of students and teachers recycling, students campaigned for green recycling bins in every classroom and office. Eco-committee members then visited classes weekly to collect recycling.



To promote recycling and in collaboration with the Art department a Van Gough Picture was created from bottle tops collected from recycling. This linked into ideas of 'plastic in the oceans' studies in Geography alongside resource use and recycling in Design and Technology and Science. A biodiversity bee and butterfly café is planned for an area of the school for wildflowers to grow and to help promote biodiversity.

Since this time litter has reduced around the School and this led the Eco-Committee to start on the next stage of the project with students coming up with the slogan 'Clean Up Queensway'. Letters were drafted for the local businesses and shops as well as for the council. Recently, students have completed a litter pick in the local area and hope to continue with this community work over the next few weeks as lockdown eases to work towards completing the Silver Eco-Schools Award.



The finished Van Gough Inspired Recycled Plastic Artwork.

