

<p><u>Attendees Mrs Hughes and Mrs Bowers</u> Years 1 -6</p>	<p>Building Character and Resilience</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience • Empowerment • Well-being 	  
<p><u>RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch Feb'24</u> RSPB Assembly Feb '24 Chn to make bird kebabs from apple and cheese and fat balls using bird seed and suet (H&S – nuts). Chn to place in sensory garden, remembrance trees, pond area etc Peer working: Super teamwork- see photos. Well done to our young ornathologists It was a very cold damp morning and most of the birds were snuggled together in the undergrowth – they were heard but not seen!</p>		
<p><u>Stitch In Time Workshop</u> We discussed a focus for this year ECO27 and would like to highlight pollution issues caused by textile manufacturing and “Fast Fashion”. Chn in Y6 have been designing and making garments by upcycling and leisure wear Trousers and tops. Thankyou to Marieanne for her suppoert and assistance again this year,</p>		

Litter Pick Big School Spring Clean

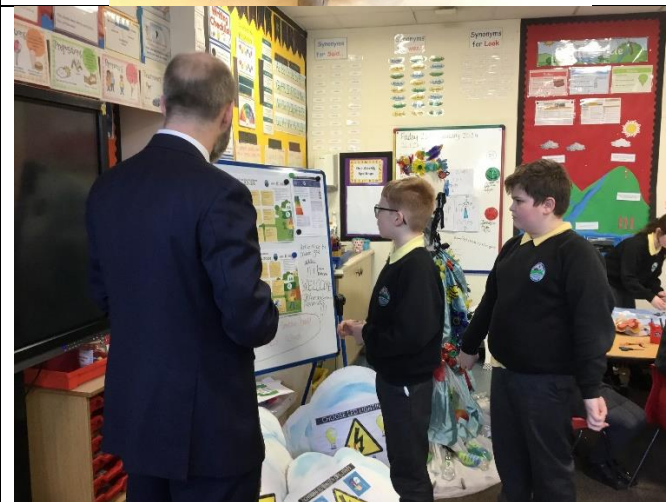
25th March – 10th April '23

Whole School : All classes now have litter-picking sticks -ongoing clean ups
Poster Competition
Pledge to Pick (15 bags)
Health and Safety discussed



Jonathan Reynolds Visit

Pond Area refurbishment This is an ongoing project and we are looking forward to welcoming Jonathan who's been part of our Eco Committee for fifteen years!



Spring Bulb Planting in our Sensory and Pond Garden

Thank you to Alison from Morrisons for donating our Spring Bulbs!



**Next Meeting
Spring 2 TBA**

February 8, 2024

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MP joins school's eco celebrations at refurbished pond



Stalybridge and Hyde MP Jonathan Reynolds had the honour of opening Gorse Hall Primary School's refurbished pond garden.

He cut a ribbon to celebrate the latest environmentally

themed works at the Stalybridge primary, which has a long and proud tradition as an eco-friendly school.

School Eco Coordinator Kathleen Hughes said: "Having been actively involved in

supporting our eco journey for nearly 15 years, he enjoyed taking part in our RSPB Big Schools BirdWatch activities and learnt new skills from our Stitch Club team.

"Well done to the children

for their contribution to the Q&A session and to our wonderful choir for serenading us with two of our favourite climate-inspired songs."

The MP added: "I've been going along to the fabulous

Eco Club at Gorse Hall Primary School for over a decade now. The children never cease to amaze me with their passion and knowledge to change the world. This time I heard the choir, learnt about their 2024

priorities, got taught to stitch and officially opened the new pond.

"The feeling of community, character-building and citizenship in this school is just magical. Well done, all."