






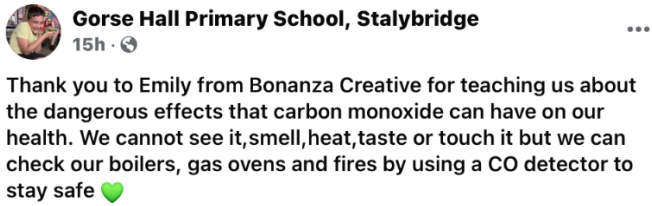


<p>Mrs Hughes and Mrs Bowers Years 1-6</p>	<p><b>Building Character and Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Empowerment</li> <li>• Well-being</li> </ul> 	  
<p><b>Activities Whole School/Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Eco Schools 12<sup>th</sup> Green Flag Application</b> <b>29 years as an Eco school</b></p>	<p><b>Submitted May '25</b></p>
<p><b>Stitch In Time Workshop Activities</b> Pupils continue to be creative upcycling clothing and textiles. Shorts / Duvet Covers . Thank you to Marianne for supporting us with her creativity and enthusiasm during our stitch Club sessions!</p>		
<p><b>Clean Air Week/Day 18th June '24</b> CAD Video "Stand Up" for your Rights!" Eco Assembly/ Clean Air CO Workshops Y's 2,3,5,6 Bonanza Creative (CO Carbon Monoxide)</p>		
<p>Year 6 Officers to write and coordinate. (Pollution Clouds need to be revamped) Mrs Hughes to send consent forms Clean Air Day Assembly- thank you to all our super readers.</p>	<p>On the Day Children to hand out Awareness leaflets promoting "Engine Off when You Stop"</p>	<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June start 8.30: (Meet inside the school gates HVVs &amp; Hats)</p>



Gorse Hall School Clean Air Day Video 2025  
Get Up Stand Up: Stand Up for Your Rights!  
Celebrating Bob Marley's 80<sup>th</sup> Year too!



**Eco Photo Shoot for Eco Schools '26**  
**Francis Hyland and Christopher Eco**  
**Schools** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Mrs Hughes to send consent forms to  
Parents/Carers  
Fun was had by all involved and we look  
forward to seeing our photos on the  
Eco Schools Website next academic  
year for 25/26.



**Special Presentation for our award**  
**"Distinction" Green Flag Award**  
**And celebrating our "Magnificent**  
**Seven" alongside our Schools Games**  
**Mark, AcSeed, Arts Mark Gold, Send**  
**inclusion, Green Champions Stitch Club**  
**and Forest School Provider Award.**

**Thank you to Jonathan for visiting**  
**us and for his continued support**  
**especially on our Eco Journey.**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY**



Next Meeting- Celebration Party

Another Super Year  
Well done  
everybody!

WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 25



ECO30

next Year!

Time to Celebrate  
with 30 special activities!

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## School celebrates 'Magnificent the green flag flying and marks



pictures by NIGEL WOOD

It was a 'Magnificent Seven' for the pupils and staff at Gorse Hall School celebrating a cache of top awards this week.

To mark the prestigious occasion, Deputy Mayor and Mayor MP Jonathan Reynolds visited the school to present the awards.

Alongside these awards, Gorse Hall School was also celebrating another Eco-Schools Green Flag Triumph.

This week's year, pupils continue to lead the way in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness among their school community, including peers, staff members, as well as the wider local community.

Three exceptional efforts were once again recognised with medals of the prestigious, internationally recognised

Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation with a Distinction.

This year, pupils impressively tackled three key areas: waste, healthy living and biodiversity.

Working together, they created a detailed and impactful, multi-year action plan to address these priorities. Activities included: litter picking, recycling, clothing and promoting biodiversity in the school's surroundings.

Speaking about their achievements, teacher Katherine Hughes, Environmental Lead, said: "We are so proud of our children. They are very keen at Gorse Hall School and they are very passionate about making a difference towards mitigating climate change and saving the planet!"

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flett, stated: "Every year, we are amazed by the incredible efforts of young people working together to create a better future for all. Their collective impact is truly remarkable. If everyone approached the climate crisis with the same level of passion and determination, we could make a real difference and make it a problem of the past."

"At Gorse Hall, we are delighted to recognise their achievements with the Eco-Schools Green Flag."

To learn more about the Eco-Schools programme and accreditation, visit: [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk).

Other awards were:

**School Games Gold Award:**

This award celebrates the school's commitment to developing competitive sports in school and the community and allows the school to ensure PE provision and create an action plan for improvement. This award also recognises inclusion, SEND & LGBTQ+ representation.

**Arts Mark Gold Award:**

This recognises the school's exceptional commitment to creativity across the whole curriculum.

**SEND Award:**

The SEND Inclusion Award recognises schools and individuals for their commitment to providing high-quality education and support for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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## Seven' awards to proudly keep milestone with special guests



SUPPORT: Deborah Brown, above right and top left, from GIFT, tells MP Jonathan Reynolds about the programme, accompanied by Cllr Dave Sweeton (centre).

effect is having on the environment (landfill) and well-being (pressure to buy new). School pupils have been focusing on upcycling, recycling, sharing and buying second-hand first.

**Forest School Level 3 Provider Award:**

This recognises learning through nature by encouraging children to explore and learn in the school's woodland setting through play, exploration and supported risk taking.

Headteacher Alexandra Flood said: "I am delighted with this year's awards and achievements as it reflects our creative and dynamic school culture making Gorse Hall a more enjoyable and fulfilling place to thrive."

Gorse Hall Primary also welcomed Deborah Brown, author and grief and loss consultant, into the school last week.

Deborah is the director of 'Gifted Information 4 Teachers and Services Ltd' (GIFT) and writer of the 'Lessons in Loss' series of journals.

She has been supporting some of the children on their journey through loss and recovery. Through journaling, the children have had the space to reflect and express their feelings at their own pace, finding comfort in their words and memories.

The children shared these journals that Deborah and her team provide to children, whether grieving the death of a loved one, experiencing family

breakdown, illness or other significant life changes.

In addition to journaling, the children (and adults) had a great time with monster clay modelling to create a monster design for the new journals in the series, all while chatting about their experiences.

"Gorse Hall is leading the way in supporting their children and staff, being two years ahead of the new RSE curriculum of 2026, which will include teaching on death, dying, and bereavement," explained Deborah.

"They have embraced our training opportunity and introduced our journals to children who need them. Their feedback has been invaluable to us."

"The journals provide support for children on sensitive topics such as parental separation, death by suicide, pet loss, serious and terminal illness, the death of a grandparent or parent, and when a loved one is in prison."

"We've been truly humbled by the feedback from both children and staff about how their resources have helped."

Deborah added: "We have many more guides in this series planned, including 'Kids' Helpful Guide: When a Friend Dies' and 'Kids' Helpful Guide: When I Live in Foster Care or the Care System."

"It's clear how much children need these resources, and how essential it is to equip adults with the training and supporting materials to support them effectively."

"We are incredibly grateful to Jonathan and Dave Sweeton, local councillor, for their support of our work and for taking the time to attend Gorse Hall Primary School to talk to the staff and children about the impact of the Lessons in Loss project."

"For a deeper insight into Deborah's work, you can listen to our Business Podcast, recorded with Dave earlier this year for Tameside Radio, which you can find on our website. Just visit <https://www.naturallytherapeutic.co.uk/community/business-podcast/> and search for episode 18 - Gifts."