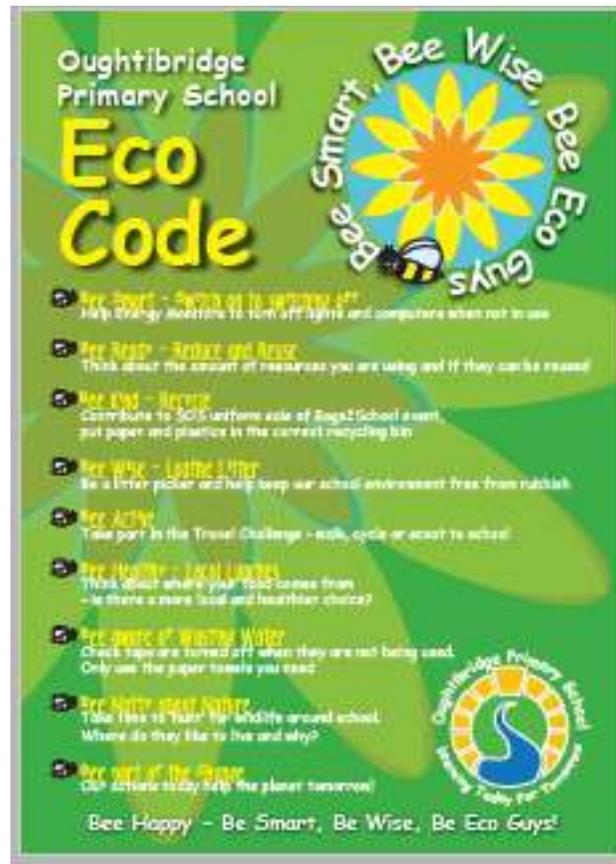


Eco-Schools

Welcome to our eco-schools page. This page will tell you what our Eco-Code is, and will give you further information about what we are doing collectively to help save the planet.

Our Eco-Code



Cycle Park

Here at Oughtibridge Primary School we have achieved the 'Green Flag' award three times and we are a Silver Bike It School. We have also become the only school in Sheffield and South Yorkshire to achieve our Modal Shift Gold Stars award. This involved presenting a range of evidence to an external examiner such as photographs, work, presentations and tours around the school environment.

In addition to this we are celebrating success as we have now gained the Platinum 'Green Tree' award, which you will see on our Eco-board from The Woodland Trust, which is the highest accolade they have. To achieve these awards we have had to identify ways in which we make; a positive contribution to various aspects of the environment including recycling, raising awareness of environmental issues and improving energy efficiency in school. These were relatively easy to achieve as automatic practice.

We also regularly take part in Active Travel events such as the 10 Day Active Travel Challenge and The Big Pedal.



List of Eco-related awards received:

- School Travel Plan - Gold
- Gold Lord Mayor's Garden Award
- Bronze 'Green Tree' Award
- Silver 'Green Tree' Award
- Gold 'Green Tree' Award
- Platinum 'Green Tree' Award
- Bronze RHS Schools Gardening Award
- Silver RHS Schools Gardening Award
- Bronze 'Green Flag' Award
- Silver 'Green Flag' Award
- Green Flag Award x3
- Bronze Bike It Award
- Silver Bike It Award
- Bronze Mode Shift Stars Award
- Silver Mode Shift Stars Award
- Gold Mode Shift Stars Award

Outdoor Learning

There is a strong emphasis on Outdoor Learning at Oughtibridge Primary School across all areas of the curriculum. Exciting and imaginative lessons are taught within the school grounds in areas such as the woodland, field and garden. Outdoor Learning occurs whenever possible leading to a holistic and practical approach to learning across all subjects.

Outdoor Learning leads to energised and enthused pupils who are able to safely work in the outdoors and provides an opportunity for all types of learners to succeed. Everyone at Oughtibridge Primary School is given the opportunity to take part in Outdoor Learning from class activities to whole school 'Green Days'.



Examples in previous years have included: Maths trails, dragon hunting in the woods as part of Literacy as well as 'Bio Blitz' Science investigations and Design and Technology Projects. The Vikings have been known to invade the 'Woods of Wonder' and the children evacuated from WWII set up camp on the field! Moreover, each class has a planter outside their classroom allowing children to care for and respect the natural environment.



Forest School

Furthermore, SEAL in Year 3/4 and 5/6 is taught through Forest School a child-led Outdoor Learning Programme which originated in Denmark but is widely practised across Sheffield and the UK and celebrated for its success with personal development.

Children within the Foundation Stage are also able to access Forest School sessions where they learn through their own personal exploration of activities with adult guidance to aid tasks.



Forest School sessions focus on key skills such as: working together: conflict resolution, risk taking, emotional regulation; achieving goals; adapting to changes and awareness of one's self and of others. The sessions provide an opportunity for the children to take measured risks, explore new activities, work together and promote their self-confidence. There are a wide variety of games and activities

including: shelter building; natural art; team challenges (such as scavenger hunts) and woodland crafts through which the key skills are taught.

Residential

Oughtibridge Primary School runs a number of residential visits across Key Stage 2 which also add to the rich outdoor curriculum:

- Year 3 visit to Kingswood
- Year 4 visit to Castleton
- Year 5 visit to Malham Tarn
- Year 6 visit to PGL Caythorpe Court



The residential visits enable children to interact with peers in a social environment away from school whilst learning about local environmental practises. They also provide the children with opportunities to study local history and engage in a variety of outdoor pursuits which promote risk taking and aim challenge personal perceptions, helping individuals to adopt a 'can do' attitude.

Visits and Themed Days

We also organise a variety of educational visits to support our learning in school such as to Ecclesall Woods for natural habitat studies and to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and The Deep in order for children to learn about creatures and habitats across the planet. A range of themed days also take place in school such as Seaside Day in KS1.

After School Activities

There are also a range of after school clubs and activities with an Outdoor Learning theme such as a gardening, nature and woodland craft club. The clubs offer the chance to create natural art as well as construct dens and play games.

