

St Margaret's C.E. Green Team Newsletter

13 CLIMATE ACTION



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Dear children and families,

We hope you are beginning to walk to school more often now that the weather is getting warmer. There are many advantages to walking for the whole family and you are helping us reduce the air pollution around school as well as helping with the parking.

Wow Walk to school challenge

So many of our children have started recording active journeys on the Walk To School Travel Tracker each week.

So far in the lead we have 4BG with 84%, followed by 4CD and 5CC.

Remember, the class with the most active journeys will get a prize of £40.00 and the second and third prize is £35.00 and £25.00. You can decide with your class teacher how you would like to spend this money.



Exciting new recycling centre in our community @**Carlton Club**

A group of recycling-conscious Whalley Rangers have got together to set up a new recycling centre at the Carlton Club.



They are currently starting with:

- Bottle tops
- Crisp packets
- Medicine blister packets
- Pet food pouches

You can collect these items at home and then drop them off at the Carlton Club **every Saturday from 1-3 pm.**

Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

What is a PARK and STRIDE?

Park and Stride is a simple idea for families who live too far away, to enjoy the benefits of walking to school.

If families drive or feel like they live too far away to walk, they can park 10 minutes away and complete their journey on foot. Park and stride journeys count towards pupils getting an active badge too.

Make a butterfly feeder for your garden

Summer is the perfect time to spot butterflies in your garden. Year five looked at the life-cycle of the beautiful 'Painted Lady' butterflies and then set them free in our school garden



To make a butterfly feeder:

1. Take a paper plate and make 4 small holes evenly spaced around the rim.
2. Tie a length of string through each hole, knot underneath and tie together.
3. Check your fruit bowl for any over-ripe fruit – bananas are a favourite.

Visit: discoverwildlife.com

My Wild Garden:

bringing wildlife into our gardens and green spaces

We have received some lovely pictures of your favourite green spaces and what you enjoy doing in them.



Riding motorcycle in my garden



My garden
I let my cat go outside he loves it.
Alexandra park
I go there for walk's.
Lyme Park
Me and my family went to the garden's.
Hafsa Year 1

Ezra said, "My best parks are Alex Park, Manley Park, Hulme Park, Longford Park and Chorlton Park".



Whalley Rangers Recycling Project

We are a group of community volunteers who have set up this project to help people in Whalley Range recycle items that can't be put in your brown recycling bin.

We aim to help people to recycle but also to give support and information on how to reduce and reuse.

How does it work?

The project runs from the Carlton Club on Carlton Road in Whalley Range. We are launching on **1st May 2021** and will be there **every Saturday between 1 and 3pm** for you to bring your recycling.

Items must not be brought or left at any other time.

You will be able to bring plastic bottle tops, pet food pouches, crisp packets and medicine blister packs for recycling.

Bottle Tops

What do we recycle?

We can only recycle bottle tops that have the HDPE 2 symbol on them (usually bottle tops that have come from plastic bottles).



What do I do?

1. Sort out the bottle tops that have the correct symbol on them
2. Now give them a good wash in hot soapy water – **we don't want them dirty or sticky!**
3. Remove any labels or cardboard inserts
4. Sort them into colours (red, blue, green, white, black, orange, yellow, silver)

Where will they go?

At the moment we are working with 2 organisations:

- [Friends of Water Search and Rescue](#) who raise funds from all the tops they can recycle
- [Green Brick](#) helping communities to recycle plastic to make green bricks

Pet Food Pouches

What do we recycle?

We can recycle your all pet food plastic pouches and flexible plastic pet food bags.

 Can recycle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All wet pet food pouches • All pet treat flexible plastic packaging and pouches (e.g. Dreamies etc) • All dry pet food flexible plastic packaging (e.g. Royal Canin, Hills Science etc)
 Can't recycle		<p>Pet food cans, toys, hard plastic, plastic packaging, cardboard packaging</p>

What do I do?

1. **Thoroughly wash out and dry your pouches and bags** – make sure all food remnants are gone, otherwise it will rot inside the packaging and also result in the recycling being spoilt/wasted. **We will not accept dirty packaging.**
2. Flatten the pouches and bags as much as possible and bundle together tightly

Where will they go?

They will be taken to Chorlton Cats Protection League. They send them to [Terracycle](#) who will pay them 50p for every 1kg of waste. They will then be recycled into different plastic products such as fence posts and benches.

Medicine Blister Packs

What do we recycle?

We can recycle any **EMPTY** medicine blister packs.

 Can recycle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any brand of empty medicine blister packs
 Can't recycle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any unused, unopened and out-of-date medicine, including tablets, pills, lozenges and caplets – this should be returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal • Cardboard packaging • Any other medicine containers such as bottles, inhalers or sprays

What do I do?

1. Make sure that the blister packs are empty
2. Remove any cardboard package or paper instructions (these can go in your normal recycling)

Please do not bring any unused or unopened medicines. These must be returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal.

Where will they go?

We will take the packs to Superdrug. They will send them to Terracycle where they will be made into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

Crisp Packets

What do we recycle?

We can recycle any brand of crisp packet, large or small.

 <p>Can recycle</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any brand of crisp packet (large or small)• Multi-pack bags
 <p>Can't recycle</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popcorn bags• Crisp tubes (like Pringles)• Pretzel bags• Meat snack bags

What do I do?

1. Thoroughly wash out and dry your bags – make sure all food remnants are gone, otherwise it will rot inside the packaging and also result in the recycling being spoilt/wasted. **We will not accept dirty packaging.**
2. Flatten the bags as much as possible and bundle together tightly

Where will they go?

We will work with local partners who will send them to Terracycle who will pay £1 for every 1kg of waste, which will go to local schools. They will then be recycled into different plastic products.

Recycling your food waste

If you don't already have one, we can provide you with a free small caddy and biodegradable bags to collect your own food waste. We can't take your waste, but you can put it out to be taken with your normal council waste collection.

Can you reduce or reuse?

Of course, it's better if you can use less or reuse rather than throwing away for recycling. So, once it is ok to do so, we are also hoping to put on some events to help people think more about reusing or using less.

In the meantime, think about what you can do to reduce your plastic use:

- [Creamline Dairies](#) deliver dairy and oat milk
- You can take your own containers to [Stretford Food Hall](#) where they have oat milk on tap. You can also refill on shampoo, body wash, conditioner and household cleaning products
- [Hulme Garden Centre](#) also do refills of household and personal cleaning products
- Don't buy bottled water – you are basically paying companies to make plastic. Bottled water also contains twice the amount of microplastic in it that tap water does. Get yourself a metal water bottle and fill it from the tap.
- Use cat food tins instead of pouches