

The 1st Issue!



Written by Eco Action:
"Saving the World,
one tree at a
time."

WELCOME!

Hi and thanks for reading the first edition of TEE! (The Eco Express) This newsletter will keep you all up to date on the work of Eco Action, and basically anything Eco or Green-related.

It's nearly the end of this academic year, so expect a summary of the work Eco Action has done over the past year, what our future plans are, and how YOU can get involved and "Heal the World!"



THE AMAZON RAINFOREST:

Recently, we had a visit from Erika Berenguer, a Brazilian Eco Warrior who came to discuss the threats and possible consequences of deforestation. The Amazon and rainforests like it are often called "the lungs of the Earth" and their destruction will have seriously bad effects for the entire World. Eco Action are looking at ways of getting involved in helping to save this Natural Wonder of the World and are sure it will continue to make big news in the future.

A WIND POWERED COLLEGE?

On Friday the 28th June, the college played host to a visit from Bob Harris- an eco-architect and he has helped us find sites for a future wind turbine. Far Flung Fantasy? Not a chance, with the power and cost saving that comes with the turbine, expect to be *blown away* by this new feature soon!



What have we done?

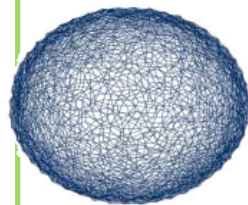
Eco action has been part of many successful initiatives within college but here are a few of the key projects which we have been involved in:



We hosted students from our partner school in Turkey and discussed how our environment affects all of us. As well as having fun!



Earlier in the college year, the college was awarded the Blackpool Civic Trust Environmental Award for the role of Eco Action and reductions made in the college's carbon footprint



COP15
COPENHAGEN
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2009



With the support of Blackpool South MP Gordon Marsden, Eco Action delivered a petition to the Government to ensure that they fought for a climate deal to be made at December's Copenhagen Conference.

We had a visit from Ed Miliband, former secretary for Energy and Climate Change, and we had a group discussion on Eco issues the country will have to withstand in the future.

Eco-Schools Award Update:

The college currently holds a bronze eco-schools award, the certificate is near the admissions office. This means that we as a college are conscious of our duty to be energy efficient and eco friendly. The college may have its silver award by the end of the academic year because of the hard work from the eco team. Before you know it, the green may be hanging from our flagpoles to show we are truly "Green"



On the Biodiversity side, we have planted many new trees in college, conducted lichen surveys, went on a moth spotting night and planted some greenery around college to encourage more wildlife.



EcoFest

On April 3rd 2010, the college held EcoFest, a celebration of all things environmentally friendly which helped raise awareness on climate change and environmental issues.



In the jungle- Students take on the challenge of organising EcoFest!

There was lots to do at EcoFest. Students ran activities such as Hook-A-Duck, Face painting, and several stalls such as the FairTrade, the Blackpool Cycling Stall and the Second Hand Stall.

People from the Community were also present, EcoFest had the Friends of Stanley Park present, the Solaris Centre, a circus company and some birds performing stunts in the sports hall, typified by the huge Eurasian Owl, who used Maria as a perch! (Right)



Felicity getting down and dirty at the college front with students from here and Turkey, planting the tree to symbolise our overseas friendship!

To summarise, EcoFest was a huge success and we hope to continue to run events like it in the future. Pictures from the day are available at:

<http://www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/downloads/galleries/ecofest-2010>

Green Issues around the World!

On this page are some of the big environmental happenings both in Britain and abroad!



£2bn Offshore Wind Farm for North Wales:



Construction is soon to begin on a large offshore wind farm off of the coast of North Wales and is due to finish by 2014. Upon completion it will be one of the biggest offshore wind farms in all Europe and power over 400000 homes with clean, green electricity.

What's even better is that, because of the proximity of North Wales to Blackpool, it may even be possible to see this wind farm on a clear day!

Climate Change Could Kill Climbers!

Increasing snow and ice melt on Mountains such as Everest will make them increasingly difficult to climb according to Sherpas. As if scaling the World's tallest peak wasn't dangerous enough! Of course the serious side for us is that this ice melt may be responsible for coastal flooding in the future with rising sea levels. Although the Fylde Coast has have a very expensive sea wall system, we've experienced flooding before and chances are that it will happen again.



bp Bad Boys at BP

You may have seen it in the news, BP have coated huge areas of the US coastline in oil killing wildlife, putting fishermen out of jobs and basically making a gigantic mess. Finally they have put a lid on the oil leak so animals will only be killed by the millions of litres of the "black stuff" still bobbing around in the water. Obama's peeved, so are Greenpeace, if you too are peeved take a look at the Greenpeace website! www.greenpeace.org.uk

Stay Sustainable this Summer!



This Summer we want everybody doing their bit to keep the Earth, and themselves, cool! There are many ways you can save the Earth from Climate Change and live comfortably so look at the following ideas for some inspiration:

☼ Avoid using air conditioning or fans to keep cool, open windows instead, or eat a lolly!

☼ Don't sit inside on your Xbox all day, go out with friends, there is plenty to see and do in Summer Time

☼ Don't use lights, the Sun will be shining so make use of the natural light!

☼ Cycle or walk rather than drive, we will have lots of nice weather, in Summer, cycling is the sexy way to travel!

☼ Become an eco-activist! Look at the Greenpeace website for ways you can get involved and keep up to date with the news.

Remember the Eco Code??

You may have seen it before logging into a computer on the FYi, maybe you paid it attention, and maybe you even work to agree with its points.

The Eco Code is what WE want EVERYBODY to do to make the college that bit greener. 4 simple points:

- W** Waste, reduce waste by recycling all you can!
- E** Electricity, turn off all electrical devices when you do not need them!
- L** Litter, keep college and the community free of litter, use a bin!
- T** Transport, walk, cycle, skate or swim to college, so long as it cuts carbon!
That's WELT, an easy enough abbreviation to remember this Summer!

*"Take an interest,
and look after our
World, for
yourself, and for
the generations
to come"*



Thanks for reading this issue of TEE, we at Eco Action hope you have a super and sustainable summer holiday!