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Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

RETURN OF THE DRAGONS'

The Green Dragons' are returning to Hill House in November and are looking forward to hearing about all of your creative ideas for promoting sustainability, particularly during half term week and how you made Hallowe'en GREEN. So put your thinking caps on and see if you can come up with some more amazing suggestions for changes that can be made at Hill House to be more in harmony with our one planet.

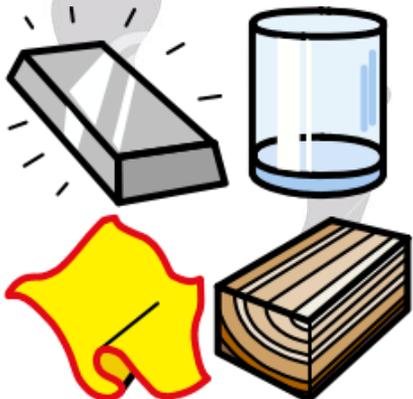


Your contribution, no matter how small, will give us all a sense of pride knowing that we are having an input in to a better, safer and cleaner environment and helping to reduce waste and CO₂ emissions. By getting actively involved and positively contributing to the environment by sharing your ideas, skills and passion, we are protecting the future of our One Planet together.



There are some simple steps we can all take as part of our One Planet Living action plan and we are inviting everyone to come up with fun and innovative ways to achieve these.

♥ Go Digital or Paperless - the more we do online, the less we need paper. Are there ways we can use more technology e.g. sending emails rather than letters or saving things on computers or devices rather than printing them?



♥ Get sharing and refilling - are there items we can share or refill rather than buy more of? Not only will it save money but reduce our use of materials and products in the first place.

♥ Reuse before recycle - before we get too excited about recycling, can we re-use or repurpose items first?



Materials and products

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Zero waste

♥ Recycle what you can. Are there easy ways to sort your rubbish so it doesn't all end up in one bin? Can we avoid throwing things away by reconsidering what we buy in the first place?



♥ Go Green and cut down on unnecessary travel - is it possible to car share, use public transport, walk or ride a bike instead of using the car or minibus? Can you do things via Zoom, Skype, Facetime etc. instead of travelling in the first place?

♥ Reduce energy consumption - switch lights off, make the most of natural light, open and close windows for natural ventilation or conserving heat. Switch off computers and TVs when not in use. Are there other ways we can cut down on energy use?



Zero carbon energy

♥ Spread the word! How can we engage more with our community to raise awareness of our eco-efforts and culture of sustainability? Communication with parents, stakeholders, local businesses, and potential new employees will hopefully ensure more people are on board so that they can also make one change!

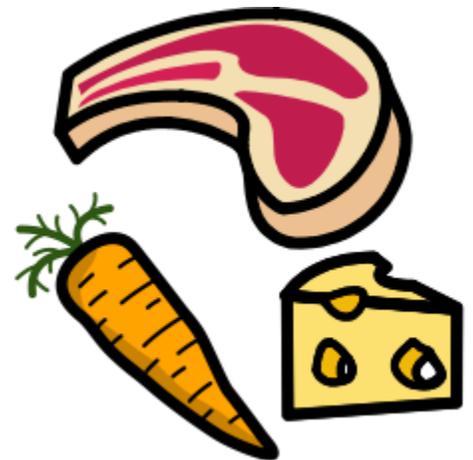


Culture and community



♥ Save water - only use as much water as you need. How can we encourage good habits? What strategies can we put in place to reduce our water consumption?

♥ Nobody wastes food on purpose but there is more we can do to use up as much as possible of the food we buy, especially if we are going to rely more on local, seasonal, and sustainable produce. Store and label foods correctly, check your fridges and cupboards before shopping, plan to use ingredients you already have. What else can we do to cut down on our food waste?



These are just a few prompts to get you started. Now get together with our young people and see what ideas you can come up with. Our Dragons look forward to hearing them!