

9th February 2023

Dear students and families

Re: Environmental sustainability week, Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March 2023

I am writing to share with you the Trust's provisional booklet ([click here](#)) for the first Trust-wide environmental sustainability week (a final version will be released the week beginning 20th February 2023 as there are a few updates to be provided).

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- *How low can we go? challenge*

The challenges have been collated ([click here](#)) and all students and staff will be given an anonymised code so that they can record which ones they have done at the end of each day using a Google document. The challenges are being shared before half term so that students and families can consider how they can participate. Students will be able to add their families' challenges as part of their daily return which will lead to daily statistics being shared with the community.

- Book swap

Each school will inform students of the arrangements for the book swap. Students are encouraged to consider books they have at home that they would be happy to swap with other students and/or donate to younger ones.

- Catering options

Schools' caterers are offering specific daily options to support the week and therefore students, in particular those that regularly have school meals, are asked to consider having one or more of them which can contribute towards the *How low can we go?* challenge.

- Additional activities

Students will be involved in a number of specific Trust-wide activities such as the opening ceremony, Year 5 and 8 challenge and the Key Stage 1 and 2 Emission Control game. Schools are also organising a number of other activities that they will share with students.

- Videos

The videos/podcasts contained in the booklet will have some challenges linked to them after half term which can contribute towards the *How low can we go?* challenge. In addition, our keynote speaker's presentation will be linked. Alex Green, Programme Manager, Ashden Climate Solutions in Action, is preparing her presentation on the Trust's three objectives for the week and there will be questions for students to answer after they have watched her video.

There is mounting excitement about the week and we look forward to sharing updates on the activities and challenges with our Trust's community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martina Lecky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Martina Lecky
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