



Environmental sustainability week Thursday 2nd March 2023

Special message from Sir David Attenborough

Sally Brown, Associate Assistant Headteacher, Vyners, wrote to Sir David Attenborough to tell him about our environmental sustainability week and the various activities that were planned. She was delighted to receive a reply from him congratulating the school: *'Congratulations on all you are doing to help the natural world and to inform others of how it will be damaged unless we change our ways.'*

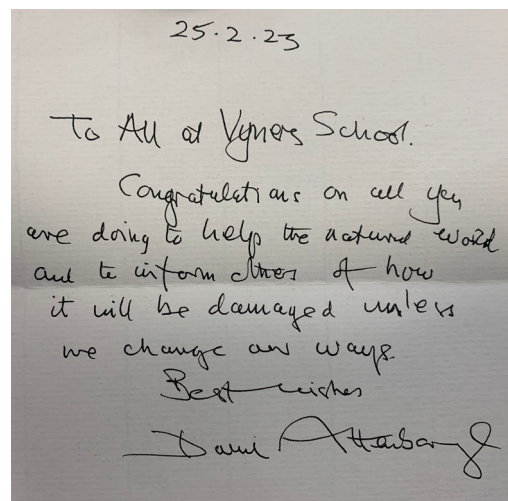
Everyone is incredibly excited to have received a letter from David Attenborough and the next step is to try to persuade him to visit the school!

Daily challenge

All the arrangements for the daily quiz are summarised on the website ([click here](#)). Today's quiz is on this video ([click here](#)) by UCLA: *What is sustainability?*

If students would like their score to be entered into the overall competition, they have until:

- 6pm on Monday 6th March 2023 to complete today's challenge; and
- 6pm on Friday 3rd March 2023 to complete Tuesday's quiz ([click here](#)) and Wednesday's quiz ([click here](#)).



How low can we go?

The live data continues to show how well our Trust-wide community is committed to reducing our carbon footprint with a healthy competition between schools and the central team ([click here](#)). A summary of the total points converted to reduction in CO₂ has been calculated from Monday to Wednesday; it shows that our estimated collective reduction is 225 tonnes of CO₂ based on the schools' and central team's figures as shown in the table. This is an excellent achievement considering one tree absorbs approximately 25kg CO₂ per year. We are exceeding our expectations about *'how low we can go.'*

School	Estimated total CO ₂ reduction (kg) per school
Field End Juniors	56,978
Hermitage	16,542
Ruislip High	104,682
Ryefield	22,766
Trust	5000
Vyners	18,836
Total	224,801

Staff R&R (reuse and repurpose) platform, central team

The central team had its half-termly meeting on Tuesday 28th February 2023. Part of the meeting focused on environmental sustainability week and staff brought in books to swap as well as items to donate using the R&R platform. The initiatives were a great success with most staff members taking away with them new items and/or books. The book swap will now be a permanent feature in the central team office where people can return books once they have read them and take new ones away.

Anita Tree, Estates and Facilities Manager, commented afterwards: *'It was lovely to take part in the book swap and to share donations for the R&R platform at the central team meeting this week. Everyone brought something along and had great fun choosing new items to take away. There was a real sense that we were helping to make a difference in our small way.'*

