



Earth Alliance Newsletter Summer Term 2022



Hello everybody !

Our second term as Earth Alliance leaders is quickly coming to an end and we are sadly entering our last term in September before we hand over to the new year 12 leaders. Once again, it's been a privilege to work with both teachers , students and the trust and we are so proud of every single person that has contacted us , attended our meetings and generally has just listened to our ideas and assemblies with the hope of educating and empowering people.

Our main focus this term was our Earth Alliance Conference that we have just held on Monday the 11th of July. We had the great opportunity to hear Dr Tim Daley , who is the Associate Professor of Physical Geography and teaches in the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences. Furthermore, within the institute, he also leads a team of researchers focused on climate and earth system science. He was previously the Earth Alliance keynote speaker in 2021 and we were very lucky and grateful to have him back to speak to our conference - which ranged in ages from primary to secondary school. Dr Daley was very inspiring , and had an expertise range of knowledge which both shocked and motivated us even more than before. Some facts which surprised us were that there is more plastic pollution in our oceans than there are stars in the Milky Way or that by 2035, we'll need 2 planets to live and survive. Another fact is that 27000 trees are felled everyday for tissue which is the size of Denmark ! He spoke to us with clear messages, never belittle yourself and don't be afraid to lead and take risks , but ultimately not everything goes your way all the time.

We held the conference to students from years 12, 10 and 5 from schools across the Trust. They got divided into the 3 workshops , and after a little blip in the morning , they ran smoothly and encouraged active conversations between the attendees. Our workshops were on Clean our patch and zero to landfill , Smart meters, Planter boxes and Earth Alliance student leadership across the Trust . These all fit under the title of our conference which was, " Why schools need student leaders for environmental issues and why it is important to maintain a focus on reducing our impact on the environment." Out of it, we came out with clear action points for the Trust and schools that we hope to work on in the new academic year. We cannot wait to see the movement that comes out of this.



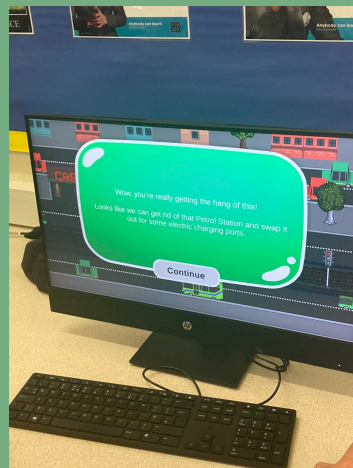
Here are our Earth Alliance 2022 t-shirts & some pictures of the conference !



Even more things we've done this year is the kickoff of our ZeroToLandfill campaign. We hope to push this a lot more further in the new academic year but we held assemblies for the whole school talking about the importance of using the correct bins and talked in teacher meetings to help push the information. We've queried for more bins to ensure that all the different types of bins are all together - and so people will be encouraged to put their rubbish in the correct bin rather than going to the closest one. We're ensuring that there are also more recycling bins in classrooms so people are less likely to use the incorrect bin. We also hope to continue our discussions and work on the problem of unopened food waste in September , any suggestions would be welcomed.

Our litter programme, Clean Our Patch has been processed and risk checked by our teacher helper, Ms Barnett and should be starting in September. So keep your eyes out for emails and notices around school for that.

At the end of term, 7T trialed the new Net Zero computer game for Mutant Labs computer company which is an eco orientated game to encourage a more green Plymouth. Below are some pictures from the game, it was such an amazing and cool experience. It was a pleasure to talk to the staff about the environment.



Also, we have continued to help with Abi Finnie's (year 12) Pollenize project. This got us stuck in with drilling the plant boxes together, tau pooling the boxes and planting wildflowers . We have recently been invited to the Blossom Together project event at Devils Point in august by Plymouth City Council - we can't wait to attend. These planter boxes were sent out to our local community and they keep bees and wildlife in the general public and interesting places in Plymouth to reverse pollinator decline.

Attached is the brochure to ame your very own planter !



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Thankyou for reading, we hope to kickstart back in September with clear action points from our conference and new ideas to finish off our Earth Alliance leadership. We have a lot lined up for September already, so keep a look out for that. It's been a privilege to make such a difference and we're so proud of ourselves - and to anyone who has helped us in any way then thank you as well ! Our Earth Alliance meetings will be returning every fortnight again , on a Week A Wednesday lunch (1:30-2:30) but the room is still undetermined for the new year.

Have a restful summer break and remember to protect the earth and that you can make a difference in protecting it.

Thankyou , Ailish and Klara
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