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-Nelson Mandela-

November's Eco-School Events at NOC Southampton

During the month of November, NOC Southampton hosted two, very exciting, Eco-Schools events for local junior schools: Ludlow Primary and Mason Moor Primary.

The full-day visits form part of their school's commitment to the Keep Britain Tidy, 'Eco-Schools' scheme, are completely voluntary and provided free-of-charge by the Centre.

The event's programme features a combination of classroom-style teaching sessions, site tours and practical activities, and is usually hosted by members of the Environment Sub-Committee. The event hosts cover specific aspects of climate change, including: the carbon footprint concept, the impacts of climate change on the marine environment and how to reduce your environmental impact.

"As succeeding generations, today's children are likely to be the more affected by the negative impacts associated with climate change than their predecessors. This is why it is so important that they have a firm understanding of the causes and potential impacts of climate change, as well as possible mitigation measures." - Event Organiser

Through hosting the events, the NOC is able to increase awareness and promote the Centre while actively providing support and resources to local schools wishing to improve their environmental performance. Additionally, by inspiring children and encouraging behavioural changes in young people, the NOC is driving the idea of continual environmental improvement both on-site and elsewhere.

Both events were well received by the local schools that attended. Jo Mumford of Mason Moor Primary had this to say about the event: "We had a wonderfully informative day at NOC. The children were engaged throughout the day and were really inspired by what we saw. They developed a good understanding of the impact our carbon footprint can have on not only marine life but the world in general. We came back with lots of ideas we can adopt at school and which support our Eco work with school council. Many thanks for a really great day. It was enjoyed by everyone."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time to participate: Bob Whitmarsh, Beth Wills, Kate Davis, Chris Bath, Rob Arnell, Jenny Neale, Hannah Donald, Rachael Shuttleworth and Vlad Macovei.

We are already looking forward to two follow-up events next spring; the 15th of February and 8th of March 2017. If you know of a school that might be interested in attending one of our future events, please direct them to the Eco-Schools page on the NOC website. Otherwise, should you want to get involved yourself, please contact environ@noc.ac.uk.

What is Eco-Schools?

The Eco-Schools programme is the largest schools programme in the world. It has been empowering children across 64 countries for over 20 years.

Through a simple seven-step process, the programme hopes to drive change and improve environmental awareness in order to: improve the school environment and create financial savings for schools.

For more information see: www.eco-schools.org.uk



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