

'Our Greener School' Strategic Plan 2021-2022

Context:

Active and outdoor learning increases motivation and engagement in young people and can add value to teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum. At Hook Infant School we recognise that learning outside has many benefits and, along with a variety of organisations and the local community, we strive to create opportunities for learning outside the classroom whenever we can.

In previous years Key staff members have attended the Outdoor Learning Course (including Trailblazer) and successfully disseminated the information to each year group. All staff have participated in an INSET which helped inform staff on how to use the firepit appropriately and allowed time to find opportunities for trailblazing activities to be taught within each year group. Staff also participated in a twilight meeting run by Trailblazer. Our after-school club, 'Wild Things' has been extremely successful and takes place each week. Wilder flash Mobs take place regularly to help implement aspects identified on the SDP and from Green Team meetings. Relationships have been developed with the Hook Men's Shed and Hook and Odiham Lion's Club and they have been instrumental in carrying out much needed maintenance around the school site. The Green Team have gathered for meetings and help to ensure that activities and ideas are implemented across the school.

Tasks	Timescale	Key Personnel	Action	Success Criteria	Monitoring Tasks and by Whom	Budget Implications
1) Creating more areas and opportunities for learning outside the classroom to help enhance our curriculum and contribute to better all-round health. 2) Ensure that our school helps contribute to wider community issues such as recycling and plastic free pledges. 3) Unlock the potential within the school grounds to help create a more environmentally friendly site.						
Build all weather shelter for learning.	Summer 2022	PW JL/MW	1) Secure funding for the shelter's materials. 2) Organise contractor to construct shelter. 3) Create a timetable for class use.	1) The shelter can be used for learning in all weathers. 2) Classes use the shelter to enhance learning.	PW JL/MW Lions Club	Dependent on funding for purchase. Cost for construction.
Increase awareness of recycling and implement the use of recycling bins across the school.	Autumn 2021	LH (school council) Class teachers and children RM (cleaners)	1) School Council meet end of Sept to discuss recycling across the school. 2) Disseminate letter for recycling/waste bin competition. 3) During 'Teamwork' Assembly educate children about recycling, explain how we are re-launching recycling in our school and announce winner of competition 4) Install bin labels and use bins appropriately (including cleaners).	1) Increased awareness of recycling and how to keep our planet healthy. 2) Appropriate use of bins across the school (notify cleaners).	LH RM Class teachers	Cost of paper/photocopying for competition. Laminating sheets for bin labels.
Improve hedgerow (Hartletts Park) for	Spring 2022	Bramble Bashers Lions Club	1) Cut back bramble and overhanging trees. 2) Planting of native plants.	1) Create and enhance school grounds so that more wildlife	PW RM	Staff time Plant cost

wildlife and educational purposes as suggested on survey of grounds by HIWWT – wilder schools.		PW	3) Create pathways into the hedgerow.	can flourish. 2) Create opportunities for learning (native plants, birds etc).		
Create interpretation markers for names of plants and thought-provoking questions.	Spring 2022	PW RM FC (Young Watchers)	1) Source the resources needed to create the markers and reshape to create them 2) Young watchers to use blackboard paint and chalk pens (trial and error) to identify plants. 3) Place markers in strategic places around the school to help increase knowledge of the grounds.	1) Markers placed around the school grounds which help educate all that use the site.	PW RM FC (Young Watchers)	Staff time Blackboard paint and chalk board markers.
Ensure that staff display the amount of 'trailblazer minutes' on the classroom door poster each week.	Weekly	Class Teachers	1) Ensure everyone has a 'trailblazer minutes' poster on the outside of classroom door 2) Teachers to write the number of minutes spent on trailblazer activities/outside each week 3) Possibly announce the class winner each week in celebration assembly/on weekly newsletter?	1) Each class uses the poster weekly to display trailblazing minutes.	Class Teachers	Staff time Poster cost
Construct class (or year group) raised beds to plant vegetables and/or flowers – 'Growing Together'.	Spring term	PW RM Wild Things Bramble Bashers Lions Club/Men's Shed	1) Secure funding for the materials needed for planters. 2) Organise the construction of the planters. 3) Ensure that staff have time to assess timetable/planning in order for planters to be used effectively.	1) Planters are constructed for each class/year group. 2) Planters help enhance learning about healthy food choices and increased well-being for all (creatures included).	Class Teachers	Material cost to include wood/soil/plants. Possible construction cost. Staff time to assess timetabling.
Complete final stage of plastic-free schools award.	Autumn 2022	PW (wild things) FC (young watchers) Class teachers	1) LH to inform children in Teamwork Assembly about how we have been working together to achieve the 'Plastic Free School' award. 2) Class teachers to find time to take children and collect litter from the school site. 2) Young Watchers/Wild Things to evaluate litter and identify companies who create the most litter.	1) Be awarded our Plastic Free School plaque.	PW Class teachers FC	Staff time

			3) Young Watchers/Wild Things to challenge the identified companies via letter or email.			
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<u>Evaluation</u>	
1) Creating more areas, such as the all-weather shelter, raised planters and improvement of the hedgerow, which in turn will create opportunities for learning outside the classroom which helps enhance our curriculum and contribute to better all-round health and well-being (including the creatures).	
2) Ensure that our school helps contribute to wider community issues by ensuring that all staff and children recycle as much as possible and that we achieve our plastic free award.	
3) Unlock the potential within the school grounds by cutting back hedgerow and planting native plants to help create a more environmentally friendly site and install markers to help educate all that use the site.	

Organisations we are involved with:

- Trailblazers
- Wilder School Hampshire Wildlife Trust - they have evaluated the site and identified how we could enhance the site to improve learning opportunities and habitats for wildlife.
- Woodland Trust – helping us work towards the Green Tree Award.
- Lions Club & The Men’s Shed – help maintain the grounds
- Surfers against Sewage – helping us work towards the Plastic Free Schools Award.

Other ideas

- Reinstallation of composting/water butts
- Use Bassetts Mead as an offsite trip