

Project: Sheffield Woodland Kindergarten

Framework Pillar: ReEducate

Date Range: 23rd February 2023

Social Value Achieved: £67.72



Scope

Go Green received a request from Sheffield Woodland Kindergarten to attend their outdoor nursery, just outside the centre of Sheffield, to deliver our Eco Heroes programme to a group of children between the ages of 3 – 5 years old. The programme focuses on engaging with young children and hopefully inspire them to understand environmental issues, interact with the waste industry, and form their own ideas about their future waste impact.

What did Go Green do?

On 23rd February 2023, our Sustainability Manager, Sabrina, and Social Engagement Coordinator, Alex, visited the nursery for 2 hours. During that time they did a series of activities starting with talking about what and how we recycle at home. Then we sorted all of the waste items that were brought in by the children, we put them into the groups that they could be recycled in, plastic, glass, metal, cardboard and food matter.



Once all the recycling was sorted, each child picked an item and turned it into a plant pot. Go Green provided wildflower seeds and we used compost that the kindergarten create themselves onsite. Sabrina and Alex showed the children how to plant the seeds and water them, so they could take them home for the bees and butterflies in their gardens.



The second activity was explaining what happens to waste when it goes to landfill, we demonstrated this by digging a hole in the sandpit and asking the children to fill it with rubbish, we explained that this was what happens to our rubbish when it is not recycled.

After the demonstration we said that sometimes waste is blown away and ends up in the ocean. By placing a tyre on some old tarp, and filling it with water, the children had a great time transporting the rubbish from the landfill to the "ocean" pretending to be the wind using litter pickers.

When all the rubbish had landed in the ocean we discussed the harm it could have on the animals and what we needed to do to protect them. Using the litter pickers the children cleaned up the ocean and disposed of the waste into the correct segregation bins.

At the end of our time at the kindergarten, we gathered for "fire pit time". As we all sat around the campsite, we talked about what the children had learnt and learned a new recycling song that went to the tune of incy wincy spider. It goes something like this...

*Reduce, reuse, recycle
it's very easy to do.
It's simple to remember,
recycle what you use.
Separate glass and paper,
separate plastic and tin,
then put them in their places
in the recycling bin.*



"Sabrina and Alex spent the morning with us at Kindy, expanding our knowledge of recycling and how our actions can have detrimental impacts on the planet. The children were incredibly engaged during the activities and enjoyed telling their parents what they had been up to and everything they had learnt! Over the next few weeks we have noticed children checking their food wrappers to see whether they can be recycled and asking which bin they can be put into.

Thank you to Alex and Sabrina for spending time building on our knowledge of the environment and what actions we can do to make a positive impact."

Megan, Kindergarten Manager