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Welcome to the latest edition of the St Peter's Green Team Newsletter!!!

We aim to bring you news about what we have been doing, facts and information about climate change, advice on what you can do to help, fun facts and good news stories. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and we can help you to think global and act local!

Why I joined Green Team and why you should be a part of it!

This term our current Green Team have moved on to study leave as they work their way through their GCSE exams. Before they finished, they were asked the following questions:

- Why did you join Green Team?
- What do you enjoy about Green Team?
- Why should other students join the Green Team?

This newsletter is the team's responses to these questions.

Callum Bailey

I joined Green Team in Year 10 after most of my friends joined in Year 7, but between year 7 and 10 I was in the choir so I couldn't go, despite my friends encouraging me to go to Green Team. However, in year 10 I realised that I couldn't sing so I quit the choir and joined the Green Team.

Once in Green Team I realised that I could use it to help me be able to offset future carbon emissions as I am interested in cars, but acknowledge and wish to counter the negative impact of petrol cars on the environment. Not only did Green Team teach me about carbon emission but it also let me deepen my knowledge of the environment and the world around me and it let me share my voice through the newsletters, which were incredibly fun to write.

If you care for the environment or wish to just have fun, please join the Green Team because I can guarantee to you that you will enjoy it.

Patrick Burrows

I joined Green Team in 2022 because all my friends were going and I stayed because I wanted to help make a positive impact on the local environment.

Esther Rumsey

I started Green Team because I have always had an interest in the environment. I wanted an opportunity to share this interest as well as help to create strategies to spread understanding about the threats the environment faces and ways we can combat these as a school and individuals. Green Team was a great way to do this and since beginning I have felt I have had opportunities to make a difference. School is a great platform to educate young people about issues and how to make changes themselves. We have done this throughout my time in the team by creating a newsletter on issues we care about, creating a wildlife garden, creating placards to put up at the front of the school and raising money to buy a pond liner, for the wildlife pond.

I really recommend joining Green Team and I hope it carries on providing a chance for young people to share what they care about and feel they can make a difference within school.

It has given me hope that other people care and helped give me a voice and make a change.

Maria Ostrowska

I joined Green Team because I thought it would be interesting and fun. By being in Green Team I have realised how much our actions impact the environment. I have also learnt that we need to take responsibility over climate change.

Green Team has also allowed me to make new friendships and share my interests about the environment.

In Green Team, we focused on making our school more environmentally friendly. We have done this by making posters to spread awareness about climate change, wrote newsletters each term, created a pond, contacted our local MP, had a sponsored walk and made displays for different topics like plastics in the ocean and energy saving.

Roxanne Curativo

At first, I joined Green Team because my friends wanted to go and I thought it would be fun to be part of a club besides doing just schoolwork. Initially I was aware of the values of taking care of the environment, but when joining the Green Team, I learnt even more about the topic, which I soon gained a passion for. Specifically, I learnt about the challenges and sad effects of climate change (such as melting ice caps and global warming) which made me empathise with the environment around us. And I learnt about how we can help through the activities we have done, such as making bird boxes, planting trees and taking care of gardens. These were both fun to do with friends and it is helping the environment!

I think the Green Team is a very special club because I made new friends and it also motivated me into speaking out for young people to help advocate against climate change.

Ewan O'Loughlin

I joined Green Team in year 7 because I was curious about what it was like. I have stayed ever since as it has been fun, planting trees, writing the newsletter and making a lot of memories. I think people should join because you can have a lot of fun!

Jose-Maria Kimburi

When I joined: Year 9 (2020)

How I joined: through a friend with mutual interests as me

Why I joined:

- to be a part of a community
- to be part of a group where I can speak freely
- to take part in different interests with like-minded people
- make the school an eco-friendlier place
- make different environmental issues more aware

Why I stayed:

- There was a good community spirit and it was a good way to make new friends.
- Being part of school projects such as the wildlife garden, bird box making, tree planting etc
- Because I enjoyed it as it was a nice way to express thoughts and views in a safe, warm environment where there is no judgement and you are accepted for who you are.

I recommend it!!

Final words

I think these accounts from some of the team really says it all and no other words are needed.

So, if you have an interest in anything to do with the environment, whether it is carbon emissions, plastics in our oceans, litter, pollution or wildlife, then do come and join the St Peters Green Team!!!

We can be found in SCX (lab 10) every Tuesday Lunchtime.

P.S. Don't forget being a part of the team counts towards the community badge of the ROCK Award!!