

C8 School Council Conference

On Tuesday 22nd March, APS hosted the annual C8 School Council Conference. We were joined by members of the school council from 6 other schools to discuss the theme of climate change. Each school presented some of the things that they have been doing this year and every group took lots of ideas back to their respective schools for potential future projects. Later on, in the afternoon we were joined by Heather Carlisle, a sustainability officer from Hounslow Council, who discussed what climate change is and why it is such an important issue, as well as some of the things that Hounslow is currently doing to tackle climate change. She also shared some things that schools and individuals could do to help. We ended the afternoon with a tricky quiz that prompted lots of discussion amongst the schools and provided us with lots of facts about the environment that we didn't know before.

Did you know that recycling just one aluminium can save enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours, or that 17 trees are saved for every tonne of paper that is recycled?



30 IDEAS ON HOW TO REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

- 1 Drink tap water
- 2 Turn off taps when brushing teeth
- 3 Take a shower instead of a bath
- 4 Install a low flow showerhead
- 5 Dry your clothes on a line
- 6 Cycle or walk if you can
- 7 Don't idle in your car
- 8 Complete an energy audit of your home
- 9 Unplug chargers when not in use
- 10 Buy locally produced foods - shop local
- 11 Don't overheat your home
- 12 Water the plants with water harvested from water butts
- 13 Set up your own compost system for food waste
- 14 Switch off lights after use
- 15 Calculate your carbon and aim to reduce
- 16 Switch to LED bulbs
- 17 Go vegan once a week
- 18 Plan your meals for the week, only buy the food you will eat
- 19 Buy more loose products
- 20 Donate to plant a tree
- 21 Recycle everything you can
- 22 Buy less, share more and swap
- 23 Plant bulbs
- 24 Avoid buying plastic
- 25 When boiling the kettle only boil what you need
- 26 Be an influencer and turn your friends 'green'
- 27 Learn to mend clothes
- 28 Recycle any plastic bags
- 29 Recycle all batteries - don't throw away!
- 30 Go paperless