

ECO CHAMPIONS



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A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS

Welcome to your Eco Champions guide, which has all the information you need to help your pupils progress along their sustainability journey.

WHAT'S AN ECO CHAMPION?

Drax and Outdoor Ted have teamed up to create an Eco Champions project designed to inspire young people to look after the world around them.

We believe that through understanding how everyone's actions affect the planet, your students will become role models within your school and the local community.



BECOMING AN ECO CHAMPION

Students in Year 5 or 6 are the ideal age for starting to attain Eco Champion status. To do so, they'll need to work on activities relating to these five topics: Biodiversity; Energy; Litter; Waste; Your school.

After each pupil's finished a topic, they should fill in their online passport (your school's IT system should be hosting one for all participants). Students will need to tick the relevant box(es) and add their evidence.

LAUNCHING ECO CHAMPIONS

Who would you like to become an Eco Champion? Just a few students or all of them? Or could it be an after-school club for families from across the whole school? Whatever you decide, we'll support you.

To launch the project, we can either use your own school grounds or you can visit our Skylark Education and Nature Reserve in Barlow, North Yorkshire. Either way, the two-hour event will include the following activities for pupils:

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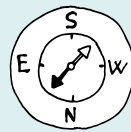
A RUBBISH QUIZ!



This quiz helps students discover how long it takes for everyday items to decompose naturally. We'll then have a chat about what we can all do to help reduce, re-use and recycle.

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FIND YOUR WAY



To get pupils active, they'll need to find eight different markers. Six have facts and discussion points; the other two contain mindfulness activities that help the children connect with nature.

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PASSPORT PREP



We'll go through the passport activities, so pupils have a better idea of our Eco Champions challenge. You'll need to download our PDF of the passport beforehand, so you can share it with your pupils on the day.

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MAKE A PLEDGE



The pupils make a pledge about what they're going to do to play their part in preserving nature. Together with completing the passport activities, fulfilling this pledge will help them to become an Eco Champion.

GAINING EVIDENCE



We encourage you to upload the passports to your school's IT system and allow the pupils access so they can complete them online. Then they can upload photos and videos as evidence of their progress towards Eco Champion status.

To keep an overview of your pupils' achievements, use the class list we've provided on the next page.

CELEBRATING YOUR ECO CHAMPIONS



Once your pupils complete their passports, you can bring them to Skylark to enjoy a free celebration event.

Explore all the fantastic flora and fauna, take part in problem solving and team building activities, then sit around the campfire to chat about their eco achievements.

For more more info and inspirational resources, visit
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