

Our youngest Hedgerow Heroes get busy at the Wychwood School

After school on Tuesday 3rd March, nine enthusiastic volunteer members of the school's Eco Club planted young trees in the Forest School. This lovely eco area within the school grounds is an important part of the school's wonderful efforts in educating the children about nature and the environment. The school is rightly proud of being awarded the Eco-Schools' Green Flag Award for their achievements last year.

The children aged between 5 and 8 explained why trees and hedgerows are important; about how animals need them for homes, food and shelter; how they mark boundaries and keep people out; and provide flowers for insects. One of the older children also knew about trees giving out oxygen.

They worked out why a thick hedge was better than one with lots of gaps and then they filled gaps in their Forest School hedge, behaving very sensibly with trowels and forks whilst digging enthusiastically.



The children's interest and enjoyment was clearly evident

There were plenty more trees left for older children to plant – 100 trees in total and around 100 children in the school involved.

We look forward to seeing the completed job. Also to hearing how the trees are monitored and cared for as they grow; the children knew that this would take some years!

Well done to the Hedgerow Heroes at the Wychwood School!

The trees were provided as part of the Hedgerow Heroes Project from Wild Oxfordshire.

The grand total on Milton's farms, public open spaces, at the churchyard and at the school is around 6,500. A very big thank you to Milton Parish Council and all the volunteers who have been involved in this great project over two years.

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