

## Our aim

Our project aims to raise the general awareness of the importance of a sustainable lifestyle and mindful resource consumption in our school and community.

Here are our three main goals:

1. Raise awareness of the misuse of resources
2. Reach out to other schools
3. Reduce waste in our school



## Accomplishments

Last year, one important piece of feedback we received was to share our work and progress with the wider community. One of our three main aims was to reach out to other schools, and we were fortunate enough to go to Tsukuba International School (TIS) and achieve this goal. We also worked on spreading our influence through social media. This interactive environment allowed our voices to reach larger audiences and it also helped others give us feedback on our work. Overall, spreading our message and enthusing others about the environment has been our biggest accomplishment. We hope to continue this in the future as best we can.

### TIS Visit

A key accomplishment for the eCool team was our trip to TIS. At TIS, we planned and carried out workshops on sustainability for their students which consisted of: an introduction to our team, a 'True or False' quiz on environmental problems, and a group discussion in which we devised a plan of action to guide the students into helping their school environment become more sustainable. This was succeeded by an engaging lunch with their 'Nature Club', where we exchanged many ideas which we hoped to implement into our respective schools. This insightful experience was organised by a former teacher at our school, who reached out to us after he started to work at TIS. This illustrated to us the impact that we had on our school teacher during his time at BST, and it moved us greatly to see others being so proactive in this field.



### eCool Instagram

Our public instagram account (@\_ecool\_) helps to ensure that the eCool movement does not stay within BST's borders, allowing any member of the public globally to access it and see our achievements/progress. The account has also allowed us to communicate with other international schools more easily. Throughout the year we have seen a steady increase in the number of followers and many of them do not have any association with our school. Our instagram account therefore has been a huge success, enabling our voices to reach bigger audiences.

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Our other smaller accomplishments include: organising a PET-bottle-free sports day and an eCool assembly, BST purchasing reusable bags and cutlery, frequent meetings with the parent-led EAS-Y Green team.

## Challenges faced

This year, we did face many challenges - one significant one being the closure of our school due to COVID-19. As a result of the lockdown, we had to delay all the events we had planned for the term. However, online learning encouraged us to shift green week onto an online platform and we were able to interact with students in a successful manner. We planned a few quizzes and DIY projects students could do from their homes to encourage a sustainable lifestyle even during these extraordinary times.

## Future plans

This is only the beginning, and there is still so much we want to do! We have many activities planned for the rest of the term, including a 'Best out of waste' Art competition and another green week. We are also working towards having an eCool column in our school's weekly newsletter. As a result of our work in the previous years, this year the school introduced the 'eCool prefect' position which means that eCool is here to stay in our school. An important task for us is to recruit our next prefects and meet the Y6s who will be joining our team.



Working on the eCool board

## Conclusion

We would like to thank these members of our community for their support, advice and kindness: Mr Grimshaw, Ms Woods, Mrs Tranchonitis, Mr Morris, Mr Thomas and Mr Bell

In essence, the 2019-20 year has been nothing short of great for our ecool team. By taking part in the GSL competition this year, we were able to reflect on our teamwork, which was indefinitely strengthened by planning activities and presentations together, as well as working with the EAS-Y Green team and school management. We succeeded in spreading awareness outside of our school and the support we have received from students and teachers is evidence for how influential our project truly has become.

Link to Presentation: <https://prezi.com/view/W6UEWXnH1gQALa1m4e0I/>

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