

Last week saw our first 'Tech-Free Day' at JYS. This was an idea suggested by the Eco Team when we were setting our Eco Action Plan in the autumn. Not only did we save the energy usually used by all our appliances, but the children had a great time exploring other ways of learning. Activities included a science-related scavenger hunt, leaf art, and making collage posters on protecting our National Parks. One child so much enjoyed the day with no whiteboard or lights that their parent wrote to the class teacher to tell them!

June is time for the Wildlife Trusts '30 Days Wild' campaign, promoting a daily Random Act of Wildness. This might be anything from eating breakfast outside and listening to birdsong, to planting flowers for butterflies. Ideas are all available on the Wildlife Trust's website, and you can sign up for a free family pack at <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>. The website also has a huge collection of other activities for children (and adults). There are crafts to do inside and out, spotting guides, suggestions for physical activities - see for yourself at <https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities>.

Always wanted a Blue Peter badge? There's a Blue Peter Green Badge for anyone who makes three pledges chosen from the website and keeps them for two weeks. The pledges are very straightforward and you can apply here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>.

WSSCC are also running a 'Recycle It Right Family Challenge' until 22nd June. Children can earn a badge and families are entered into a fortnightly prize draw, to win Wastebuster prizes including water bottles, Top Trumps or your very own Captain Busta soft toy, just like the ones we have as class prizes at school (made from five recycled plastic bottles). You can register here: <https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/pledge-challenge-page/>

If a day out is more to your taste, Amberley Museum have a 'Green week' running all half term, with a special event on June 5th for World Environment Day. You can find out more and book tickets here <https://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/whats-on/green-week/>. Carrie Cort of Sussex Green Living, who regularly visits the school, will be there with the Inspiration Eco Station - an upcycled milk float packed with eco-related displays and games!