



## Conifers' cool composters

CONIFERS Prep School in Easebourne had a 'green and pleasant' start to the autumn term with topic work focusing on the three R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

A number of activities have been planned for the coming weeks to enable children to get involved and

Julian Maiklem of Green and Pleasant with Polly, Ben, Holly and Connor depositing their waste into the food collection bin.

learn about how they can make a difference to the environment.

The first activity was the visit of the Recycling Bus, which parked up for a day within the school grounds. Onboard, children were taken through a tour and shown what can be reused and recycled to make everyday useful and usable items. There were a number of games and activities on the bus tailored to each age group.

Last week, local business Green and Pleasant Recycling Ltd, visited the school and demonstrated its anaerobic digester. The digester works to break down organic material (vegetation plus raw and cooked food matter) into two key products - bio fertiliser and methane gas, a totally renewable energy.

During the course of the term children will bring in their waste food to the sealed collection bin. From time to time this will be shredded and put into the anaerobic digester. At the end of the term there will be enough fertiliser produced to feed the beds and vegetable tyres and enough methane gas to filter off and fire a stove to make tea for the teachers.

Headteacher Jennie Peel, said: "We are always looking for ways to enrich our topic work and we are very privileged to have the digester here at Conifers, for the term, because it certainly helps to bring the subject to life in a very visual way."

"The children are so excited about seeing the end results of fertiliser for our flower beds and vegetable patch and gas to light a stove and make tea!"

Julian Maiklem, managing director of Green and Pleasant Recycling, added: "It is great to see the enthusiasm of the children as they get involved with this project."

"It is essential that the next generation take on board the three R's and learn ways in which to reduce their carbon footprint to help slow down the degenerative process of the greenhouse effect."

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