

# GREEN NEWSLETTER Term 3

This term we'll be looking at green spaces and biodiversity! Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you can find in one area— from animals and plants to fungi and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, to maintain balance and keep our planet ticking. We'll also be looking at how we can improve our carbon footprint by being kinder to the environment.

## Carbon footprint

By now you will have had a chance to get familiar with your carbon footprint and hopefully started making small changes to reduce it – one super simple task that can make a difference to your footprint and the biodiversity in your area is litter-picking! Less litter is good for wild animals and pets and will help millions of animals avoid injury every year. Why not invite a friend to join you in decreasing our carbon footprints? You can do this by sharing the following link: **[invite a friend to join the Race to Zero.](#)**

## Green (finger)tips

- Get in touch with your Uni and see what you can do to help improve the green areas across campus – some Uni's even have beehives on campus!
- When you head home for summer why not get your gardening hat on and plant some wildflowers, you can get **[seed kits from here](#)** for a small donation to cover postage. Once they've sprouted you could even send us your pics so we can share them on Instagram (@SancStudents).
- Once you've done that you can check out **[Buglife.org](#)** and add your own pollination projects to the B-Lines in your area.

## Did you know?



Over the last year we have stopped 11 tonnes of clothing going to landfills via our partnership with BHF? This is the equivalent to preventing over 112,000kg of CO2 being released (or the weight of two African Elephants) – great job!



Honeybees have a dance move called the 'waggle dance' – this is their way of communicating between themselves to tell their nestmates where to go to find the best source of food. World Bee Day was held on 20th May to raise awareness about how important bees are in the pollination cycle.



Many of our sites have taken part in 'No Mow May' – a campaign to encourage biodiversity and wildlife by decreasing how often we mow the grass areas on site. We've also been working hard to plant trees on site where possible, with certain sites even planting fruit trees. Say hello to free fruit and greener sites!



One of the easiest ways to help improve biodiversity is by planting wildflowers, our sites will be planting them where we can, keeping our grounds colourful and full of life!

**That's all for now!** We'll be recycling our themes for September so if you have any top tips ready to share with our future students then drop us an email, as always, if we feature your tip we'll send you a £10 eCheque to say thanks. Contact us via **[gogreen@sanctuary.co.uk](mailto:gogreen@sanctuary.co.uk)**