

New Wetlands Project

The wetland is a crucial project for the Hogsmill, which suffers adversely from pollution such as urban road runoff, raw sewage discharges and misconnected plumbing that sends drain water directly into the river. Water from the Green Lanes Stream has been diverted through a sediment trap and two wetlands, with filtered, cleaner water reconnected to the Hogsmill downstream of the famous Stepping Stones.

Special Invitation

On Tuesday 25th April Riverview's 'Eco Committee' were invited to a monumental event taking place in our community; the new 'Ewell Wetlands Project', Chamber Mead. When we arrived we were greeted and informed on why we need to take action and what we can do to help, improve and sustain a cleaner and healthier river.

Preparation

Before taking on our task we had to prepare, we:

- Put on gloves to protect our hands
- Brushed our shoes off
- Then the soles of our shoes were sprayed with a special solution to stop any contamination entering the special area

Planting Seedlings

Now was our time to shine and be part of history!

We got into pairs, then used a special tool called a dibber to form a hole in the earth, then taking a seedling, we popped it into the hole before covering it over gently with more earth. We all felt very proud, knowing that these little seedlings we planted were going to grow and become an important part the rivers filtering system.



Dibber



Seedling

Wildlife Trail

We were then taken on the 'Wildlife Trail' a beautiful walk through nature! Along the walk were information posts, telling us about all the different creatures we could possibly see. It was a real honour to see Riverview's name on the main information board! We were then blown away when we saw that Bailey Walton's drawing of a frog was chosen to adorn an information post. "CONGRATULATIONS" Bailey we are so proud of you.