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SMA GOES GREEN WEEK 17th-21st May

Dear Parents & Carers,

As part of SMA's commitment to Global Citizenship and Courageous Advocacy, we will be holding our first ever 'SMA GOES GREEN' week. Throughout the week, weather permitting, Key Stage 2 children will take part in the restoration of SMA's garden area - taking ownership of preparing it for the seeding of new plants and flowers. On your child's assigned day we ask that they come to school in clothes you deem suitable for gardening activities; school uniform will not be expected. Where possible, these days will not coincide with your child's P.E days. The schedule is printed on the back of this letter and will be displayed on the school website. In the event of bad weather, alternative themed-activities will be allocated for the children to complete.

SMA will also be committing to teaching the children about the benefits of a more environmentally conscious community. Children today are more aware than ever about the responsibility they have towards protecting the planet, with global activists like Greta Thunberg being an inspiration to young people worldwide despite still only being a teenager herself. Through the discussions Year 6 have had with Hannah Testa, they are also aware of the importance of combatting the plastics crisis within the world's oceans. At SMA, we will be aiming to reduce our use of single-use items in school, both in and out of the classroom, and all children will take part in an assembly that explains the benefits of this to the planet - both now and for future generations. As well as this, we will be encouraging the children to discuss how they can make their own changes towards being more environmentally responsible.

Friday 21st May will be **Green Day**, where all children are invited and encouraged to come to school wearing something green. We ask that every child, where able, donates £1 towards this. All money raised will go towards funding the school's Courageous Advocacy programme. We intend to use these funds to purchase reusable, metal water bottles for every child in school; allowing SMA to significantly reduce its consumption of single-use plastic cups. This reusable water bottle will go with your child as they progress through the school and then be theirs to keep as they leave at the end of Year 6.

We thank you, once again, for your continued support of our Courageous Advocacy programme and look forward to seeing as many children as possible taking part in our 'SMA GOES GREEN' week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Feeley
Global Citizenship and Courageous Advocacy Lead

SMA GOES GREEN Gardening schedule

Date	Year Group
Monday 17 th	6
Tuesday 18 th	5
Wednesday 19 th	4
Thursday 20 th	3
Friday 21 st Green Day	No gardening. All children to wear something green in exchange for a £1 donation.



Truth - Fairness - Justice - Joy