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Rokeby Boys Go Green

Boys in Year 8 at Rokeby School initiated a School Green Day. They firstly brainstormed ideas in which to save energy whilst taking care of the environment. Then on Thursday 21st May, the older boys put their ideas into action.

All the boys, wearing green for the day, opted for a more eco-friendly method of transport to get to school. Some boys rode a bike, some came on public transport, some car shared or some just simply walked! Many of the parents worked together and arranged groups of boys to ride together on their bikes.

The morning started with an assembly taken by the School Council and included a song about the environment. Then the day continued without the lights on, no computers or interactive whiteboards were used in lessons and some subjects were even taught outside. All the lesson had a 'green theme' and other environmentally friendly activities included planting a tree at the front of the school and building a sculpture made from old plastic bottles, cartons, cans and empty containers from home.

Lunchtime was carefully planned. The boys had worked with the caterers, who had contacted local farmers to source local bread, fruit and vegetables. Also over lunch no ovens were used to save energy and just cold salads and rolls were served.

Anni Green and James Attenborough, Eco teachers, said “We congratulate these boys on such inspirational ideas to make our school a Greener Place. We also encouraged the boys to continue supporting the environment at home by switching off lights, having an evening without television and saving water.”

In the long run Rokeby hopes to reduce it’s carbon footprint and make the boys more aware of what a difference they can make.

Rokeby School is an Independent Preparatory Boys School located on the Coombe Road Estate, George Road in Kingston. Educating boys from 4 to 13, Rokeby’s impressive facilities deliver first class opportunities in the academic arena, sports and the arts. Rokeby has an outstanding record of success in Common Entrance and Scholarships to leading Independent Schools.

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Attached Photo (from left to right):

Willie-Joe Macphee, Joe Viles, Jacques Birch, Wilfred Goodhart and Ben Moore. Year 5



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Green day: Many pupils cycled to school as part of the environmental event

Rokeby School pupils were the brainchild of a green day, which was brought into education on Thursday, May 21.

Year 8 pupils at the Kingston-based boys' school came up with ideas on how to save energy while taking care of the environment. The older boys then put their ideas into action.

Pupils were green for the day and opted for eco-friendly methods of transport to get to school.

Some walked, others came on public transport, some chose to cycle and others car shared.

Many parents worked together and encouraged groups of boys to ride together on their bikes.

A school spokesman said: "The boys did it all themselves. It was really good fun."

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All of the lessons, some of which were taught outside, had a green theme and other environmentally-friendly activities included planting a tree at the front of the school and building a sculpture made from old plastic bottles, cartons, cans and empty containers from home.

Even lunchtime was carefully planned, with the caterers contacting farmers to source

local bread, fruit and vegetables.

To save energy only cold salads were served with rolls.

Teacher Anni Green, who helped organise the day with James Attenborough, said: "We congratulate these boys on such inspirational ideas to make our school a greener place."

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