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## Eco Schools Green Flag Award

Students and staff at Upton-by-Chester High School have been delighted to receive the International **Eco Schools Green Flag Award** for continued excellence in improving the environmental performance of the school and wider community.

The Green Flag is the highest award available through Eco Schools, which is an international organisation that encourages schools to address environmental issues and reduce waste. The aim is to encourage young people to form good habits that can be put into everyday use in our homes and communities.

Upton students continue to be the driving force behind Eco Schools. Encouraged by Ms Beuzit, they formed and now lead an Eco-Committee and helped to carry out an audit to assess the environmental performance of the school. In conjunction with the rest of the school and the wider community, it is the pupils who decide the environmental agenda and plan future action.

Upton's visiting assessor said, 'During the four years the school has been progressing through the Eco Schools programme, the students have been actively involved at all stages.'

Students were also congratulated for the way they managed to involve the whole school and the wider community both locally and internationally. This year alone, the school managed a 48% reduction in the waste it produces and achieved a substantial reduction in the energy it uses. Money saved has been reinvested within the school.

Saruwar Uddin in Year 10 said, "Eco schools has been a great scheme led by students. All our hard work has finally paid off and the school has become much more Eco friendly. We're not stopping here and will now aim to become an Ambassador school."



**Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to achieve this award and thanks to everyone for their support**

## National Poetry Day

### Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was a star,  
He wanted his dreams and ideas to go far.  
He had a dream of all kids together,  
He wished it would last forever and ever.  
The slavery stage was wrong by far,  
That's why MLK was a star.  
He didn't see the point in racism,  
He respected all people that faced them.  
But now all cultures are happily accepted,  
And Martin Luther King can be peacefully  
rested.

*By Jacob Caunce Year 8*

### Justice for the 96

Their star was among the 96  
People saving others.  
It was a lie, they said, 'a pitch invasion'  
But people's lives disappeared  
Now families are broken.  
The police lied and faked  
But families wanted justice  
And all they got was 'wait, wait,  
WAIT!!!'  
Now they have grouped together  
And forced the police to tell the truth.

*By James King-Magee Year 8*

*Jacob Caunce and James King-Magee wrote some really lovely poems for National Poetry Day on the theme of 'stars'. Jacob's is about Martin Luther King and James's is based on the Hillsborough disaster. Their poems were awarded joint first place in the KS3 National Poetry Day competition. You are now published poets boys- well done!*

## Poetry in the forest



On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, a group of Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12 students went on an English Department school trip for National Poetry Day. The students had the opportunity to write poetry outdoors under the twilight skies at Delamere Forest. This was to celebrate National Poetry Day's theme of the stars. The students had a walk up to the heights of Old Pale in Delamere Forest, where students completed some fun quizzes about celebrities and songs and then they wrote poetry under the stars, whilst looking out at the inspirational, panoramic views of Cheshire, North Wales and Merseyside.

Students involved:

### Year 8

Jack Gooding  
Elizabeth Dearden-Williams  
Rachel Bailey  
Cecile Armitage  
Jessica Proctor-Crozier  
Olivia Foreman  
Dan Harris  
Elizabeth Osborne

### Year 9

Stella Dixon  
Laura Williams  
Gemma Richards  
Alias Buchanan  
Amy Hughes  
Rebecca Clough  
Juliana Christianson  
Eleanor Coulthard  
Eleanor Blacklock  
Anna Todd

### Year 12

Beth Dixon  
Leah Wynne  
Lucie Matthews  
Francesca Williams



Amy Hughes (Year 9) wrote:

Staring at the stars  
Watching them come out  
Observing, looking, wondering,  
There's such a lot to think about.

Where do they go in the daytime?  
Do they travel or stay still?  
Can we only talk to them  
At the top of a lone hill?

Staring at the stars  
Watching them come out  
Observing, looking, wondering,  
There's such a lot to think about.

How do they shine in the moonlight?  
Shine, shine so bright?  
Is it peaceful up there,  
Full of silence and glowing night?

Staring at the stars  
Watching them come out  
Observing, looking, wondering,  
There's such a lot to think about.

City lights glitter  
But that's not what I'm looking for.  
Compared to the purity of the stars,  
Fake lights don't mean anything anymore.

Staring at the stars  
Watching them come out  
Observing, looking, wondering,  
There's such a lot to think about.

As the stars hide behind a cloud  
I suddenly find I am depressed.  
The stars are so beautiful,  
I think I am obsessed.

Staring at the stars  
Watching them come out  
Observing, looking, wondering,  
There's such a lot to think about.