

Children Gather for Renewable Energy Conference as Part of Whole Trust's Drive for a Sustainable Future

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In an inspiring event aimed at fostering environmental awareness, children from six schools in the Diamond Learning Partnership in the Fenland area met for a conference focused on renewable energy and saving our planet. Students from Glebelands, Thomas Eaton, Burrowmoor, Murrow, Gorefield, and Leverington Primary Academies gathered at Burrowmoor Primary Academy, where they spent the day learning about and discussing how natural energy sources like solar power can help create a more sustainable world. This event was made possible through money provided by the Pye Foundation – supporting schools in making STEM projects possible in schools - Raising the profile of Science and STEM in our schools, therefore raising aspiration amongst our pupils.

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The event was led by Kevin Holland, founder of The Solar Shed, who shared his expertise on the benefits of solar energy for schools and communities. Students have already had the opportunity to present their own renewable energy projects, showcasing what they have been working on at their schools to reduce their environmental footprints. From solar panels to eco-friendly initiatives, the children shared creative ways to harness energy and reduce waste.

It was not just an educational experience, but also a wonderful opportunity for the children to network, collaborate, and form new friendships with their peers from other schools. The day included an outdoor play session, giving the students a chance to bond in a relaxed and fun setting.

At Burrowmoor Primary Academy, "Our World Week" activities further enhanced the learning experience. Students were invited to explore the world of art and sustainability through Henri Rousseau's famous painting *Tiger in a Tropical Storm*. Some children created intricate shoebox dioramas of the jungle ecosystem, while others made vibrant artworks inspired by the painting. Burrowmoor's oldest students took it a step further by writing detailed scene-setting descriptions based on the artwork and then using an AI tool to bring their words to life. The children were amazed by how accurately the technology captured the scenes they had imagined.

The week will conclude with a celebration of the children's work, with a special exhibition planned for the summer term, where the entire school community will be invited to view the creative projects.

Through these activities, the children have come to understand the crucial role they play in shaping the future of our planet. Inspired by the words of climate activist Greta Thunberg, who told world leaders, "We will be watching you," the students at Burrowmoor and across the Diamond Learning Partnership are more determined than ever to make a positive impact and continue their commitment to sustainability.



