



Bristol Community Energy Fund case study:

Hillcrest Primary School

About the group

Hillcrest Primary School is based in Totterdown, South Bristol and is attended by 405 children. Recent SATs exam results show a continuing improving trend for children at the school, with 79% of all pupils achieving the expected standard in English and Maths, above the national figure of 61%. They are also on the road to achieving the Mayor's Award for Excellence as a Health Improving School.

About the project

Hillcrest Primary School received £350 in round 1 of the Bristol Community Energy Fund, for a school energy efficiency campaign. This project directly benefited the children attending the school, as well as their families.

Tom Walmsey, who founded The Environmental Education Project to encourage learning in the natural environment, was hired to work with children at the school on ways to measure and reduce energy consumption. Tom worked with Year 5 and 6 pupils to share with them the different ways of conserving energy, and brought along his 4 geese to help bring his class to life! The Green Team (led by eight Year 6 children) then fed back to the whole school when they delivered an 'energy' assembly.

The grant has meant the school has been able to promote their energy saving agenda far quicker than they had originally thought and helped them engage the whole school community. The children are now fully aware of the reason we turn off lights, shut doors and windows etc.

Bridget Norman, of Hillcrest Primary School, said:

“As a school this project has made a significant impact on the change in attitudes for all our children. We now have an even larger Green Team that has been split into groups, including a media team, compost crew, energy crew and nature crew!”

Hillcrest Primary School also received several awards this year, including the Mayors Award and Winner of the Total Green Award South West.

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