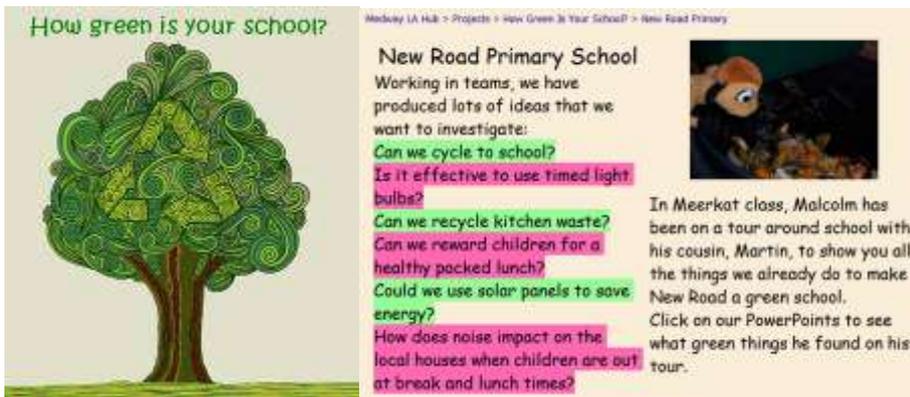


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School: Medway Schools across the local authority area	LA: Medway
Teacher: Andrew Morley & Moya Dean	Students: Age ranges across the LA
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Learning Focus: To encourage collaboration & communication skills in literacy & environmental education.	
Curriculum Focus: Language & Literacy, the Environment, Data Handling	
Tools used:  Homepage,  Forum,  Custom Pages, Wikis, Survey	
	
<p>How this worked in practice: Medway LA hub hosted the project and invited all Medway schools to a launch where the project was outlined and the required commitment explained. 20 schools (infant, junior, primary and secondary) decided to take part. There were 6 tasks (presented on a custom page) to complete, a new one timed to appear every two weeks. The tasks were: complete the environmental survey; report your findings in an appropriate and accessible way; describe (using sound, video, image, text on a custom page) how your school impacts the local environment; explain what your school already does to promote green behaviour; choose something more that you could do and, finally, create a presentation to enable you to achieve this new initiative. A celebration for participating schools was held at the end of the project. A forum for all the schools to take part in was created to encourage collaboration, sharing of experiences and a supportive discussion space. Schools were encouraged to create interesting and informative homepages to publicise their participation within the project. Medway LA posted a weekly summary on the project homepage to encourage and praise continued participation.</p>	
<p>By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:</p> <p>Literacy: Writing, Reading</p> <p>ICT: Word processing (Forum and wiki editing) Uploading Images and Videos to the cLc; Data Handling (the results of the survey)</p> <p>PHSE: Development of awareness of environmental issues and analysis of problems and solutions</p> <p>Social Skills: Communicating and collaborating with an audience with a wide range of age and ability</p> <p>The project also enabled schools to complete the criteria for the bronze award for eco schools and to provide evidence towards the silver award.</p>	
<p>Next Steps: Further development of increased collaboration with other schools; silver and gold award for eco schools.</p>	

The named teacher has kindly agreed for this example and the relevant contact details, to be shared within the cLc community for other teachers benefit.