

Hello JPRs, and welcome to your very first assembly bulletin of the new academic year! If this is your first time becoming a JPR, then here's an extra big welcome to you - you are now enrolled in a mission led by the Parks Trust to spread environmental awareness, and to help guide your school to become as eco-friendly and nature-educated as possible! If you are joining JPR for another year, then you already know the ropes, and can help guide our new friends forward!

The month of October marks 'Walk to School Month', where people are encouraged to leave the car at home and reduce pollution by strapping up our shoes and walking to school when you can. Of course this must be done safely, maybe in a small group if you have friends that live locally, with lots of care around roads. Walking is also amazing for health, so why not take some time to see what animals you can spot on your walk? If you cannot walk to school, that is absolutely fine too! Can you persuade anyone else from the school to join this movement?

International Bird Day takes place this year on the 4th of October, which is a celebration of our winged-wonders, sun-singers and dusk-dancers. In the UK, we have about 640 species of birds, from our more commonly spotted visitors such as the wood pigeon and robin, to some very rare spots, including the white-tailed sea eagle and the capercaillie (although not seen locally!). Why not step outside today and do some bird spotting - how many species can you find? Why not make a poster for your school explaining more about your favourite bird from the UK!

This year, Recycle Week fell at the very end of September, before we had all settled back into school, so why not pick a week in October within your school where you all make extra sure to spread the message for why recycling is so important? You could make some posters for your bins so people know what and how to recycle, or you could even collect some clean recycling like cereal boxes and egg cartons and make a recycling sculpture for your school as a group.

Welcome back all, and thank you for listening!