

## **Edgewood Primary School**

Building skills and values for life

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Dear parents / carers,

With one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat depending on pollination, pollinators are a vital part of our ecosystem. Sadly, pollinators across the UK are in decline, with the most significant cause being the loss of wildflower-rich grassland habitats, which provide food, shelter, and nesting sites for pollinators. Over 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s.

This Earth Day 2022, can you help us make a difference? The theme of Earth Day this year is **Invest in Our Planet.** What better way to invest than to grow something to help pollinators?

In celebration of Earth Day 2022 this Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are inviting Edgewood children and their families to join us from home by helping our school to grow a **Pollinator Pathway** through the neighbourhoods and streets surrounding our school. To help get you started, your child will be bringing home a small packet of wildflower seeds.

All you have to do to participate is to sprinkle your packet of wildflower seeds on a pesticide free patch of earth out of the way of heavy foot traffic or pop them in a plant pot. Cover them very lightly in sand, soil or compost and watch them grow! Remember that wildflowers aren't picky about soil, so no need to get the shovel out, just clear the area of weeds and get to sprinkling.

We would also love to hear about all the fantastic ways that you joined in with Pollinator Pathway from home, so please feel free to send pictures into school via Seesaw or by hand for us to put up on our Earth Day 2022 Pollinator Pathway map and display.

Yours sincerely,

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