



## Green Day 2010

April 27th was a very special day in the school year for the OBS, as it was our Green Day. The day began with staff and pupils making an effort to arrive at school by using the most environmentally friendly method possible, be it by walking, cycling, using public transport or even skateboarding, and thus **reducing** their carbon footprint.

It was exciting to see the mass of green clothing as the OBS community gathered in the school grounds. During the day the pupils in Primary dedicated 2 of their lessons to learn about the importance of **recycling**, growing their own vegetables, reducing the amount of waste they produce and conserving water.

The Senior students had a varied day, which involved an eco based activity in school and an out of school trip of ecological and educational importance.

The Form 6 Science Fair was a delight, with the students showing enthusiasm, interest and dedication to produce some exciting projects. The first place winners were Tatiana Bridge and Francisca Corte Real with their 'Fizz Whiz' experiments.

Form 7 was impressed with the Science Fair and then they spent the day at the Parque Biológico to understand the importance of conserving our local area and preserving species that are indigenous to Portugal.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing the Recycled Sculptures produced by Form 8. They showed how materials can be **reused** in art to send an important message about the environment. One of the sculptures was a bicycle, which represented the importance of reducing fossil fuel consumption. It was made by Joe Guimarães, João Silva and Paulo Costa.

Form 9 showed an enormous amount of spirit in their efforts in cleaning up the local beach. They were amazed and horrified by the types of rubbish that people leave there.

Form 11 was involved with Método de Rose Yoga to help cleanse body and soul and perhaps encourage the change to a greener lifestyle.

I am sure we all need an occasional reminder about what we can do to save our planet. Together we can make a difference and I hope this year's Green Day has encouraged a few more people to 'go green'.

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