

## **The National Framework for Sustainable Schools**

We have already achieved a great deal at The Vineyard School.

### Food & Drink

- We have the option of choosing a healthy meal at lunchtimes in school..
- We have water in classrooms and we have water fountains around the building.
- We educate and encourage children to eat a balanced meal and to drink water.

### Energy and water

- The School Council carried out an energy and water use audit with our Site Manager.
- We have reduced the amount of energy and water used by making everyone more aware through our assemblies and our 'Turn Off' campaign.
- We have recently installed a new roof and new windows and external doors around the school. These are more energy efficient and should help to reduce energy use and costs.
- The pupils entered numerous Borough wide initiatives and competitions related to sustainability.
- The Vineyard School hosted and won the Richmond-Upon-Thames 2009 Solar Car Challenge design award in 2009.
- A Year 5 Pupil won the annual 'Schools Go Green' Competition in 2009.
- Two pupils also attended The 2009 Sustainability Conference.

### Traffic and Travel

- We have a School Travel Plan.
- We have introduced the 'Walking on Wednesday Campaign' which encourages children to walk to school at least once a week. This has been very successful.

### Purchasing and Waste

- We recycle paper, cardboard, plastics and cans.
- In 2010 we intend to recycle food waste and start a Recycled Art Club.

### Building and Grounds

- We have recently installed a new roof and new windows and external doors around the school. These are more energy efficient and should help to reduce energy costs.
- We have created a fantastic new Conservation area to add to our Vineyard Garden and wildlife areas around the school.

### Inclusion and Participation

- The Vineyard is proud to be an Inclusive School.
- We have an extensive Disability Equality Scheme and have made the necessary modifications to the school building as a result.

#### Local Wellbeing

- Pupils from Year 5 raised money for trees in Terrace Gardens, a local area used frequently by our parents and children. In recognition of this they were presented to HRH Prince Edward when he reopened the modified Terrace Gardens in 2009.
- One of the girls involved in the Terrace Garden initiative was awarded the Richmond Upon Thames Achievement Award.

#### Global Dimension

- The Vineyard School took part in a live BBC News satellite link-up with the Baka community in Cameroon. The purpose of the link up was to show the developments made by a UK-based company that enables forest communities in Cameroon to monitor their forest areas using GPS units.
- In 2009 the pupils at The Vineyard took part in the Earth Hour Campaign.
- The Vineyard School continues to support our friends at Mutende School in South Africa.