

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Year 4 Generation Wild Project visit to Martin Mere Wetland Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Year 4 are taking part in the “**Generation Wild**” project, which is part of **The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust**. They are the UK’s leading wetland conservation charity. They bring the outdoor curriculum to life whilst connecting young people with nature. This work will support our Science curriculum topic ‘**Living things in their Habitats**’.

Generation Wild will connect 45,000 children and their families with nature, creating a generation that will carry forward a life-long love of the natural world. The project has been developed following extensive research that shows when children connect with nature it makes them feel happier. It increases their self-esteem and improves their behaviour as well as their physical and mental health.

To access the website and resources for the project each child will be given a log in. Data from the website will only be used to support participation in the project and will not be used for marketing purposes. Data on participants’ activity (e.g. which nature activities they have completed) will be used internally at WWT and will be shared with our partners, Cardiff University, who are helping us to evaluate the impact of the project. Any data shared outside of WWT will be anonymised with names removed so that individuals are unable to be identified.

Part of the project includes a visit **to Martin Mere Wetland Centre**, Fish Lane, Burscough L40 0TA on **Friday 17th March**. The visit is fully funded and we only **require permission for your child to take part in the project**. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and we will be returning to school around 3:15pm. Children who normally have a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch and one drink. For those children who normally bring a packed lunch to school, we would like you to pack this in a named plastic bag that can be disposed of once the lunch has been eaten. Please do not send any bottles or cans of fizzy drink. Children **must wear their school jumper/cardigan, trousers (not jeans) and footwear** that is **suitable for the great outdoors**.

The children will be travelling by coach fully fitted with seat belts and, where insurance is a statutory requirement, pupils are covered by a basic school insurance cover provided by ESFA. Any additional insurance should be arranged by individual parents, often this can be arranged as an extension to your house insurance policy if you are a home owner.

Please click **HERE** to give your permission for your child to attend the trip before Monday 27th February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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