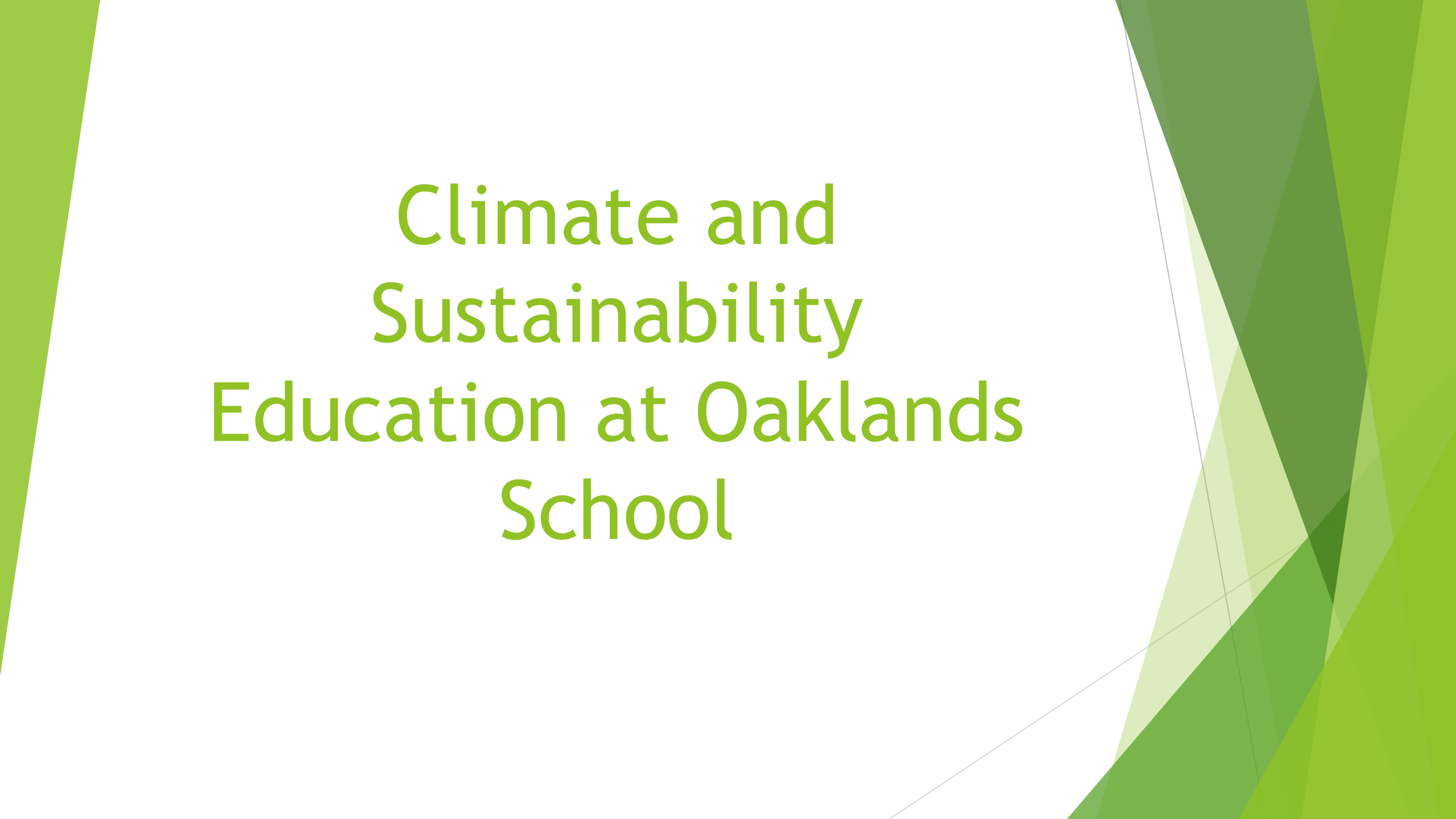


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Climate and Sustainability Education at Oaklands School

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Miss Louise Swindells
- ▶ Head of Science
- ▶ Sustainability Lead

Long term initiatives

- ▶ Our well established eco-council meet once per week.
- ▶ Voluntary gardening club is ran weekly during lunch times.

Extra-curricular events last academic year



- ▶ Some pupils were involved in a huge project with Chester Zoo

- ▶ Three workshops in school

Workshop 1= The causes of climate change

Workshop 2= What we can do for climate change

Workshop 3= Species affected by climate change

- ▶ The fourth workshop was held at the zoo



Following on from the project...

- ▶ Selected pupils were involved in both a virtual and face to face school take over day!
- ▶ The take over day happened during a large international conference that the zoo were holding (European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) Conservation Education Conference).



The conference...

- ▶ Thousands of people watched online!
- ▶ Hundreds of people attended face to face.
- ▶ For the delegates that watched online, we made a video for them.

The conference...

- ▶ Some pupils had a stand at the face to face conference at Chester Zoo.
- ▶ They used their time on the stand to spread the messages about how climate change impacts species around the planet.

We were on the map!

This is where
our stand was



DROP IN ACTIVITIES

A Sustainable palm oil

1pm-2.30pm Capenhurst Primary School

B Climate change

1pm-2.15pm Oaklands School

C Helping local wildlife and supporting wellbeing

1pm-2.45pm Cheshire College South & West

D Sustainability in schools

1pm-2.45pm Chester Schools Sustainability Network

E Nature connection and photography

1pm-2.45pm St Bernard's RC Primary School

F Youth governance at the zoo

1pm-3pm Chester Zoo Youth Board

G Snow leopard mascot

1pm-2pm Zoo Rangers

Y Drinks reception 4.30pm supported by Gener8
In the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition space

H Meet our volunteers

1pm-4pm Volunteer Team

I Digital education partner showcase

1pm-3pm led by hi-impact

J Community Wildlife space

1pm-3pm

K Classification Gameshow

2.30pm-4pm Schools Team

EVENTS

L What's this thing? Show

2:15pm-3pm Zoo Rangers

M Snow leopard vs red panda debate

3:15pm-3:30pm Zoo Rangers

MEET AT THE HUB

Tour of Science Centre

1.00pm-1.30pm Science Team

1.30pm-2.00pm Science Team

Additionally...

- ▶ The eco-council held their first ever 'bring and buy sale'.
- ▶ We implemented our first ever 'sustainability week'.
- ▶ We were awarded a grant to improve biodiversity and promote sustainability across school grounds.
- ▶ Gardening club took part in a gardening competition at Arley Hall.

In the background...

- ▶ We have formed a sustainability staff working group.
- ▶ We worked with Lets go Zero to form a climate action plan.
- ▶ We have begun to celebrate sustainability across curriculum areas outside of science and geography.

The accumulation of all of our success...

Good morning,

Thank you for your recent submission to the Chester Zoo National Conservation Education awards.

I'm delighted to say that your submission has been shortlisted in the following categories:

Outstanding Conservation School

To celebrate your success we would be delighted if you were able to join us on **Thursday 10th July** at **19:00** for the awards ceremony where the winners will be announced.

The awards ceremony is an evening awards dinner, hosted at The Square, Chester Zoo. With schools and educators from across the region attending, we want to celebrate all the high quality conservation education going on in schools, rewarding best practice and celebrating those who go above and beyond to inspire a future generation of conservationists.

And here we are in the newspaper!

School recognised for conservation

By Tabitha Wilson

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A school has won a national award for its work in conservation and sustainability

Oaklands School in Winsford was named winner of the Chester Zoo Outstanding Conservation School Award, which celebrates schools making outstanding contributions to sustainability and conservation education.

The award was presented at Chester Zoo's annual conservation education celebration.

Neil Oxley, head teacher at Oaklands School, said: "I am incredibly proud that Oaklands has been awarded the Outstanding Conservation School Award.

"This recognition reflects the hard work and excellent leadership that Louise Swindells and Sharon Meachin have put into driving sustainability initiatives.



OAKLANDS School are celebrating success.

"I would like to say a huge well done to all the students who have been involved in winning this award."

The school was recognised for its

efforts to integrate sustainability into daily life and education, including community and beach litter picks, installation of solar panels, and im-

plementation of automated energy-saving measures.

The art department also promotes recycling by reusing single-use materials to reduce landfill waste and highlight the link between creativity and conservation.

Miss Swindells, Oaklands' sustainability and science lead, and Mrs Meachin, who leads the eco-council and gardening clubs, accepted the award on behalf of the school.

Oaklands School recently took part in two 'take-over days' at Chester Zoo, where eco-council members and gifted science students ran a stand to engage visitors and delegates from across Europe. Their focus was on global sustainability challenges and encouraging individuals to make small, positive changes in their daily lives.

The Chester Zoo Outstanding Conservation School Award is part of the zoo's wider efforts to support and recognise educational settings that prioritise conservation.

Going forward...

- ▶ Eco-council 25-26 cohort have just began their meetings etc.
- ▶ Gardening club continues weekly.
- ▶ Sustainability week 2.0 is planned for the summer term.
- ▶ More guest speakers/ workshops are planned.
- ▶ Reading in nature intervention.
- ▶ School continues to work toward the actions on the climate action plan.



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FOR LISTENING**