**SEAG “Our Beautiful Planet” Writing Competition**

Our recent writing competition was warmly embraced by both local schools, Speen and St John’s, as well as other members of the local community.

Members of SEAG spent a morning at Speen School discussing Carbon Footprints and making two houses- One Eco-House and one which had a large carbon footprint (which even had a heli-pad!). The children seemed to have a lot of fun crafting with recycled materials and afterwards presented their work to their Headteacher, Mrs Coles, using their learning from the morning to explain what they had made.

That same week, St John’s School held a ‘whole school write’ that produced some amazing creative writing. It was very difficult for us to choose one piece to receive a prize from each category as everyone had worked so hard, but the chosen pieces are below. Congratulations to these three children!

SEAG would like to extend their thanks to both schools for embracing this project as we feel that Climate Change affects us all and we can only make progress when we work as a whole community.

**Winner of 4-7 Age Group:**

**Rosie Milmine- Age 4**

“Letter to an Alien from another Planet”

Dear Alien,

Come and see the forest. IN the forest there are beautiful birds. It is sad people are chopping the trees down. The birds are flying down- they have no home.

Winner of the 8-11 age group:

Ned Bobbin- Age 10

Once upon a time…

Once upon a time there was a planet.

All the trees were gone

And the sky was grey.

Knee-deep in water,

A heatwave in May.

The humans were dying.

No longer trying.

This planet could be our world.

The soil turned to sand,

And then to mud

And it all ended

With a giant flood.

The animals were dying.

No longer trying.

This planet could be our world.

We can save this planet!

It isn’t too late.  
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

We will stop this fate.

The humans are surviving-

They are still trying.

This planet could be our world.

Scoot or cycle,

Walk or run.

Saving this planet

Could be fun!

The animals are surviving,

They are still trying.

THIS planet could be our world.

**Winner of the 12-18 age group:**

**Rose Uhart – Age 12**

Our Beautiful Planet

The things I love about Earth are the trees that are so pretty and help us to breathe.

The different animals that live here, all unique and beautiful in their own way. But

earth is not going to stay like this forever and it is our job to keep it this way. Please

can everyone help my generation to still see this beauty. If everyone does something, just a little thing, such as flicking a switch to turn the light off when they leave a room, it would make a huge difference.

We are all very lucky to live around here, we have peace, nature and a lovely

landscape. We don't live in an over-populated urban area. We still have time to save

our planet but it is important to act now and protect this place where we live, have fun, make friends and feel joy.

When I read about climate change I feel sad, not inspired. We need to feel inspired

when we read about how we can stop this from happening and inspired when we hear what Greta Thunburg is saying. Summers are getting hotter and seas are getting higher. Don't make future generations hate us, I'd like them to be proud of us for trying.