



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week, Monday 15th to Friday 19th November, Edgewood will be celebrating **Geography Awareness Week**.

Established more than 25 years ago by The National Geographic Society, this annual public awareness program encourages citizens young and old to think and learn about the significance of place and how we affect and are affected by it. Each third week of November, students, families and community members around the globe focus on the importance of geography by hosting events; using lessons, games, and challenges in the classroom; and often meeting with policymakers and business leaders.

Across all year groups at Edgewood, teachers will lead engaging discussions about what geography is, teach lessons to sharpen children's map skills and share lots of ideas about how we can all be better global citizens.

One of the most fantastic things about Geography Awareness Week is that you can participate from home, too!

This year, we are inviting you to join us from home by helping our school to support the citizen science project **Globe at Night**. Globe at Night is an international citizen-science campaign to raise public awareness of the impact of light pollution by inviting citizen-scientists to measure and submit their night sky brightness observations. It's easy to get involved - all you need is computer or smart phone. Visit this webpage to learn more. <https://www.globeatnight.org/> Find step by step instructions here. <https://www.globeatnight.org/6-steps.php>

Globe at Night is off to a stellar start and has **23,802 observations** already submitted. Let's help them reach their goal of 25,000 data points for 2021 and put Hucknall on the map!



You can make a difference through Globe at Night

For even more fantastic ideas, use the link below. National Geographic's website is well worth a visit and full of ways to connect with your community, participate in citizen science projects and learn about arts and crafts activities with a geography focus. Make sure to check that the project you choose is global, as some are limited to certain geographic locations.



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<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/idea/celebrate-geography-awareness-week/>

We would also love to hear about all the fantastic ways that you joined in with Geography Awareness Week from home, so please feel free to send in pictures of your projects to your class teacher to share with the class.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Norgate

Need more ideas?

- Draw an endangered animal, whilst learning more about the species.
- Go green shopping by going plastic free.
- Play a geographically themed Pictionary round
- Create some art made entirely of recycled objects.
- Make a country flag and learn about its history; or design a flag that represents you— could include heritage, favourite activities, sports, animals, or family.
- Treat your family to an episode of a David Attenborough series.
- Photograph nature and make your own scrapbook.
- Contribute to a drive to help members of your community.
- Find and explore a new park or forest.
- Help out pollinators by making your own 'seed bomb'
<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-make-seed-bomb>
- Build your own bug hotel <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-bug-mansion>
- Create a piece of art made entirely from things that you found in your community, such as plants, rocks, sticks and more.
- Learn more about COP26 at this website
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/what-is-cop26-glasgow/>