THE GREEN ISLAND PROJECT

Our Green Island Project is based on the internationally acknowledged pedagogical approach called Storyline. Through six episodes of the Storyline, first-grade pupils have learned, discovered and strengthened their ecological awareness. Pupils showed a lot of enthusiasm when meeting Ozzy Ozone, the cartoon character, which inspired them to become eco-agents on the once-green island. Every pupil created their own eco-agent figure and an accompanying ID card. On the island, eco-agents established habitats (e.g. forest, meadow, river, lake, sea, hills, farm and apiary) and assigned animals that belong to each particular habitat. They also set up a settlement for tourists, which included waste sorting containers. Pupils equipped their houses with solar cells and built windmills on the hill. They also placed picture signs around the island to raise ecological awareness. As eco-agents, the pupils decided to be guardians of the trees, so they started to make handmade paper from old newspapers. After the incident with a turtle, they prohibited the use of plastic bags and started to make paper ones. They will use those paper bags on Earth Day (22nd Apr), at the exchange fair where they will exchange books, toys and clothes they do not need anymore.

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