

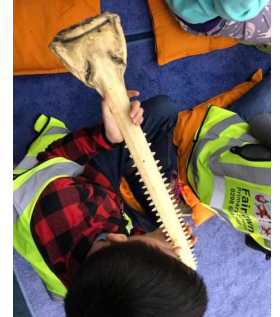


Climate Takeover Day at the Horniman Museum



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On Wednesday 10th November, Years Five & Six Pupil Parliament and Eco-School teams were invited to the Horniman Museum for a Climate Takeover Day. We learnt about how animals are being affected by climate change from a paleontologist who works at the museum. For example, we learnt that the Sawfish lives in shallow tropical waters and uses its long snout to rake through the seabed to find small fish to eat. If global temperatures keep rising and the ice caps continue to melt, the water where Sawfish live will be too deep for them to survive.



During our visit to the museum, we wrote new temporary labels for the animals in the Natural History Gallery that were on display from Friday 11th to Monday 15th November. Our labels gave visitors information about how animals are being affected by climate change. For example, in the Arctic rising temperatures mean that snow is melting and the Arctic Foxes are more exposed. The larger Red Foxes are moving further north and are competing for their prey. The Pygmy Marmoset is also being forced out of its natural habitat in South America by deforestation. Their homes are being destroyed by logging for timber and by clearing the land for farming.

Most importantly, we learnt about some of the things that we can all do to help prevent this crisis. It is easy to think we can't do anything about climate change but we can! Here are some things you can do to help endangered animals like Pygmy Marmoset and the Arctic Fox:

Reducing the amount of paper we use. Can you go paperless at home?

If you use paper - recycle it!

Use cars less - let's get walking!

Eat less meat.

Plant more trees.

If you are buying products made of wood - do they have the FSC certificate?

