

# Young explorers making waves in CANAL SAFETY

By Year 5 children of Lawrence Community Primary School

Year 5 pupils at Lawrence Community Primary School won a special Eco Week competition with their article about a canal safety project. Working with the Canal & River Trust, the children explored Liverpool's waterways – learning about water safety, local wildlife, and how to care for these important spaces, while becoming proud ambassadors for their environment.

There's something truly inspiring happening at Lawrence Community Primary School in Liverpool.

Over the past few weeks, the students have been stepping out of the classroom and into the great outdoors. Not just for fun, but to learn how we can all enjoy our rivers and canals safely.

Thanks to a special partnership with the Canal & River Trust, children from Year 5 have taken part in an exciting programme exploring the waterways that wind through their city.

From learning about local wildlife to understanding the history of Liverpool's canals, the pupils have been discovering just how vital these spaces are to our communities.

But perhaps most importantly, they've been learning how to enjoy the canals safely.

The children walked the towpaths, took part in water safety workshops, and even helped to spot signs of pollution and wildlife along the banks.

With guidance from Canal & River Trust volunteers, the young learners discussed the risks around open water and how to respond in an emergency.

"I didn't know how deep the canal was", said one Year 5 pupil. "Now I understand why we mustn't play near the edge. I also learned that canals are full of nature and we need to look after them."

The project has been more than just educational. It has encouraged a new generation to connect with their local environment and take pride in protecting it. Teachers at Lawrence Community Primary have seen a real interest spark in their pupils – many of whom now talk passionately about keeping canals clean and respecting the rules around them. The children didn't just learn, they had fun.

"It's been brilliant watching the children grow in confidence and awareness," said Mr. Belger, one of the teachers involved in the project. "They're not just learning how to stay safe; they're becoming ambassadors for our local waterways."

As summer approaches, the lessons these students have learned couldn't have come at a better time. With more families spending time near water during the holidays, the messages of care, respect, and safety championed by Lawrence Community Primary pupils will ripple throughout the community.

Here's to our young canal custodians, showing us that even the smallest hands can help protect the biggest treasures.



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