

Case Study

Rolls Crescent Primary School

Exploring the grounds and energy workshops at Rolls Crescent

A Few Small Steps is our in schools programme. Action for Sustainable Living has worked with various primary and secondary schools to promote sustainable living and positive solutions to climate change.



Rolls Crescent Energy Themed Workshops

“The children enjoyed the sessions tremendously, particularly as for the majority of the time we were outside – and taking part in activities outside of the usual curriculum.”

Carol Warham, Year 5 Teacher

Action for Sustainable Living worked with year 5 at Rolls Crescent Primary School in Hulme for a month in the run up to their school ‘Grounds Week’. We took in a team of volunteers and taught several workshops all focusing on energy. The classes were delivered outdoors, and the pupils used the school grounds to create performance pieces highlighting different aspects of energy use.

The pupils learnt about:

- energy-saving and climate change
- renewable and non renewable energy forms
- carbon foot printing

‘Grounds Week’ aimed to encourage pupils and staff to use the outdoor area in an educational way. Action for Sustainable Living created a range of activities specific to each section of the grounds, culminating in a performance on their amphitheatre which had never been used in a formal way before.

Supervised by AFSS staff, volunteers helped devise activities and deliver the sessions. The children really enjoyed working with a range of adults, the volunteers were essential to the projects success.

Staff and pupils at the school:

- Learnt about different issues connected with energy use
- Developed personal and professional skills - such as public speaking, team work and active listening
- Explored the grounds and considered how they could be used in future lessons
- Engaged different classes in the issues –through the performance