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Children of NATURE

How *Eaton Square Schools* value nature and the outdoors

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If the past year has taught us anything, it is the immense value of the great outdoors. Given recent restrictions, the intellectual, social, emotional and physical benefits of outdoor life have never been felt so keenly.

Naturally, when choosing their child's education, many urban families ask: 'How do you achieve this in a London school?'

Eaton Square Schools has the answer. An impressive group of nursery schools, prep and senior school, with a new Sixth Form set to open in September 2022, each is based across superb premises in Belgravia, Mayfair and Pimlico,

all enjoying enviable access to outdoor space. At Eaton Square, pupils aged two to 16 thrive in a school environment that notably recognises, and champions, the importance of nature.

Impressively for its central London location, Eaton Square Prep School has achieved Bronze Level Eco-School status, as irrefutable proof of how the school actively strives to protect the planet. Driven by a pupil-led eco committee, pupils embrace popular year-round initiatives, including the flourishing gardening club, picking up litter on Eccleston Square, bird-watching and creative upcycling projects.

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Headmistress Trish Watts says: “I am consistently impressed and delighted by our pupils’ environmental efforts. In the past few weeks alone, they’ve dressed as bees to support World Bee Day, embraced all aspects of Walk to School Week and participated in a terrific Water Workshop given by Thames Water. The developmental benefits of these eco-initiatives, both to pupils and to our surrounding environment, renders them an ongoing priority in our school calendar.”

Aside from enjoying daily walks and activities in the nearby Royal Parks, Eaton Square Nursery Schools have an innovative plan in store for championing the power of nature. This September, they launch a brand new nursery in Eccleston Square, inspired by the English countryside and designed by House of Kin interior designers. Located on the ground floor of the Prep school building, learning through play will be a priority and the child-centred environment will offer interactive features, natural materials and even a three-storey tree house and beehive. The entire design is carefully created to develop maths skills, fine motor skills, phonics and an understanding of space and shape. 🐝

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