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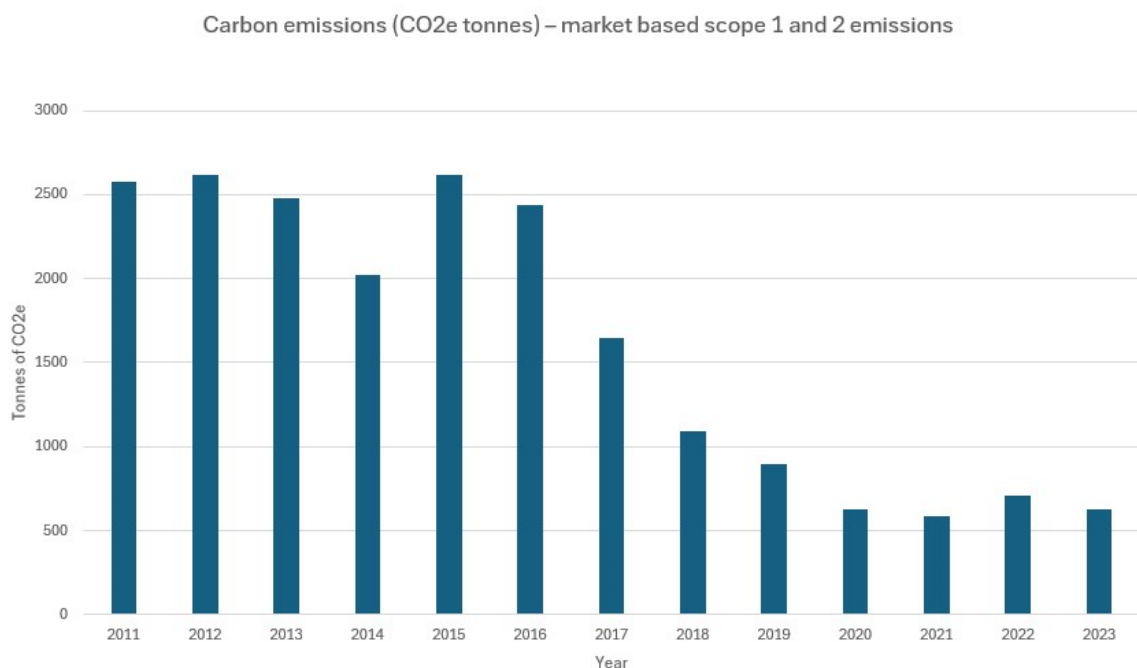
Dear colleagues,

Curriculum Review for England

We have a Government in a hurry! In last week's catch up I mentioned the plans for a large review of Curriculum and Assessment. The following day came that news that Professor Becky Francis [has been appointed as chair](#). The [Terms of Reference](#) have also been published. We are already gearing up to respond when the review reaches the call for evidence stage. It's not due to complete until next year and any actual change in the curriculum is likely to take some time as evolution rather than revolution has been the Secretary of State's mantra.

Environment & Sustainability Working Group

The group enjoyed a lively meeting last week and were pleased to hear that the Carbon Net Zero Strategy was approved by the Board of Trustees. They also looked at a draft action plan to turn this into reality. Our data shows continued reduction in carbon emissions in 2023, continuing an impressive downward trend that started in 2011.



The group endorsed the Nature Recovery Strategy draft, linking all the Site Action Plans. These should be ready to be signed off for half the centres this year with the others ready next year. The group also looked at how we can roll out some of the great ideas from the green fund as well as offering carbon literacy training for more staff during the autumn. If you want to know more about any of these topics please contact Sam Thurston.

Special Mentions

There is a distinct "End of Term" feel about this week's catch up mentions, although the idea that staff somehow have the summer off has long since vanished as many of you are now busy gearing up for summer visitors. First up is Castle Head who went out for an end-of season afternoon tea to celebrate everyone's hard work and say thank you. I'm told that it was a lovely afternoon where "everyone got jazzed up on sugary buns and lots of laughing and bonding" as you can see from the photos below. Head Office staff also had their summer BBQ with homemade puddings and it was great to be able to invite PM staff too.



Next Occasional Staff Newsletter

The next late summer edition will highlight some of the new or less well known activities and projects that we've delivered recently, or will deliver this summer. That also includes those projects that have gone on behind the scenes. Do please send Joy just a short paragraph (about 100 words is fine) and some photos if you would like your centre or team to be included.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Dylan Bradby has started at Juniper Hall as a Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Previous catch ups, along with our fairly new page dedicated to Health and Wellbeing can be found on the staff news page [here](#).

Best regards

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