

But at a school in Berlin, teacher Michael Böker believes that behaviours are changing and could remain entrenched as children, already attuned to the onset of climate change from social media, take notice.

“Energy saving is always a good idea to save the planet and it’s not that way only because of the energy crisis at the moment,” he says.

Böker has run an after-school programme on energy savings for several years at the Friedensburg-Oberschule, but says this year more children signed up for it than normal: “It might be a little bit more in the brains of the children. It is a moment.”

Students have gone around measuring the power output of 20-year-old projectors and requesting their teachers replace them with newer, more efficient ones. Böker also lets them take the power meters home to show their parents. For some families, it is the first time they have thought about energy savings, the science teacher adds.

“The children in school will be a little bit worried about [climate change] but they also see that everyone is driving a car as normal, everyone is flying as normal and the adults don’t want to change their habits. It is something they are keen to discuss,” he says. “It is their future.”

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