



Green Team News

This term's project focus: Plastic pollution

Green Team lead = Sarah Stewart

The Green Team

We are a group of children who are interested in looking after the environment and our planet. We started to litter pick in our lunch time and formed a group called Pixie World Savers. Mrs Stewart liked our idea so has helped us form a club. We now have over 15 children in our Green Team and meet every week on a Wednesday. The projects that we focus on are the ones that interest us and are all ones that help us to help our planet.

By James



Plastic Pollution

Our group started because some children in year 5 noticed that there was a bit of litter around school so decided to pick it up during play times. They realised that lots of this litter was single-use plastic so we started a project exploring plastic. We learnt that plastic is a big problem for the environment. Because it can't biodegrade it has nowhere to go and people are using more and more plastic in their lives. We learnt that there is currently a floating island of plastic 161 times the size of London floating in the ocean!!!!!! This is causing all sorts of problems for animals and wildlife.

We then did a survey to find out how much single-use plastic is used by children and teachers in school each day and found out that lots of people are still using it. We came up with the idea of teaching people about why it is bad and seeing if people wanted to buy a re-usable water bottle to cut down on single-use water bottles. We made posters to share our findings and have had them displayed in school – next week we will put them on the school fence so the public and parents can see them.

By Phoebe, Courtney and Gracie



Our bottle stall at the school Christmas Fayre

What did we do? To help with our aim of limiting the use of single-use plastic in school we decided to sell re-usable school plastic bottles at the Fayre. We designed and ordered 100 bottles and designed posters and a banner for our stall. During the Fayre we all took turns running the stall.

How many bottles did we sell? We ended up selling 56 bottles at the Fayre. The remaining bottles can be bought throughout the year and will also be offered to new families who join the school in the summer term

How much money did we make? We made £116 profit from the bottles sold. This will be used to purchase additional litter pickers and recycling bins in school.

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall and to everybody who bought a bottle!!

By Amelia and Amelia-Rose

How you can help?

If you want to make small changes at home to help in the fight against plastic pollution then try some of our ideas below:

- Use a re-usable water bottle and coffee cup
- Say no to plastic carrier bags and use your own re-usable bags when shopping
- Switch to a bamboo tooth brush and solid, rather than liquid, soap
- Buy larger bottles of products at home so they last longer and don't need changing so often
- Buy wooden, rather than plastic, toys
- Ask for drinks without straws when out and about, or ask for a paper straw
- Use re-usable food wrap or tin foil rather than cling film
- Switch to paper cups and wooden cutlery for parties and picnics
- Always recycle all your plastic!

By Brooke, Sara and Zieyena

Where can you find more information about environmental issues? We found the following websites that might be useful...

<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/>
<http://www.planetpals.com/>
<https://www.wwf.org.uk/>

By Lola-Mae and Millie

Our next project... What will we be focusing on next?

Next week we will be presenting our ideas for our next project, and will then vote to see which is most popular. So far, we have discussed possible projects linked to where our food comes from, sustainable shopping, use of fossil fuels, water and travel... we will update you once a decision has been made!