

Planet Protectors Spring Term News

Planet Protectors have been working very hard reviewing the projects they have already done, deciding on new ones and disseminating their ideas. Having completed a new Environmental Review we are currently undertaking the following projects:

Planning new recycling bins for the playground and Hall for crisp packets, chocolate wrappers and raw fruit and vegetables

The crisp packets and chocolate wrappers will be terra recycled with a donation paid to FRS in due course. Raw fruit and veg will be recycled into the school compost heaps which will also benefit the hard work of Gardening Club members.

Great Big School Clean (GBSC)

GBSC is back! Having collected 50 bags of litter last year we are aiming to collect 75 this year. All classes are collecting litter across the school site at lunchtimes. Please consider collecting litter with your family over the Easter holidays, if you do please let Planet Protectors or Ms Lewis know how many bags you collect so we can add it to our total.

Pen recycling

We have been collecting old pens in school for over a year and will shortly be sending these off for terra recycling which will provide a donation to FRS. Pens collection will be ongoing, to both recycle and provide funds for FRS.



Get LOUD on Litter

10 FILTHY FACTS

- 01 More than **TWO MILLION PIECES** of litter are dropped in the UK every day. This means **23 ITEMS OF RUBBISH** are being dropped on our streets *every second!*
- 02 **30 MILLION TONNES** of litter are collected from our streets every year – enough to fill **FOUR WEMBLEY STADIUMS**.
- 03 Street cleaning costs the UK up to **£1 BILLION A YEAR!** Removing each piece of chewing gum from a street can cost up to **FIFTY TIMES** the amount it cost to buy the chewing gum *in the first place!*
- 04 **62%** of people in England drop litter, but only **28%** of people *will admit to it!*
- 05 Dropping Litter is **ILLEGAL**, people who drop litter can be given a fixed penalty notice!
- 06 On average the RSPCA receive **10 CALLS A DAY (OR 3,650 A YEAR)** about animals harmed by litter, and this doesn't include the wild animals affected by litter that are never found.
- 07 **10 MILLION TONNES** of litter ends up in the world's oceans and seas every year and an estimated **80% OF THIS COMES FROM LAND**.
- 08 The five **MOST COMMON** types of **LITTER** are:
Cigarette butts - Chocolate and sweet wrappers - Plastic bottles and cans - Fast food packaging - Alcoholic drinks
- 09 More than **4.5 TRILLION CIGARETTE BUTTS** are dropped around the world *each year!*
- 10 **LITTER ATTRACTS MORE LITTER** – if a street already has litter many people don't see the harm in adding a little bit more!

PASS ON your knowledge. Challenge yourself to **TELL 3 PEOPLE** about some of the facts you've learnt.



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Big Battery Hunt (BBH)

BBH 2023 is in full swing. Please send all your old batteries in to school for us to collect, count and recycle. Amongst the prizes on offer to schools this year are playground equipment, iPads and vouchers.

We collected over 4000 batteries last year and are hoping to collect more this year, current total 981. Big thank you to everyone who has taken part so far! Ways of collecting extra batteries could be to ask neighbours or friends and relatives for their batteries. If your child/ren have a battery collecting story, I can send this in to the BBH website to be published. If your child wants to make a film or write a piece explaining what they have been doing please send it to Ms Lewis at rlewis@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk.



Ink Cartridge recycling

We have recently sent off a 2nd box of old printer ink cartridges raising more funds for FRS, total so far is in excess of £70. Please continue to send your ink cartridges in, the box is in front of the Planet Protector board.

Biodiversity

For a 2nd year Planet Protectors and Gardening Club will be monitoring the re wilding of our playground banks. The grass was cut in the autumn and wild flowers are beginning to grow. We will be counting the number of pollinating and other insects that visit the flowers as well as the variety of wildflowers growing and compare these year on year.

Recycling Glue Sticks

Planet Protectors have been trialing out new glue sticks that Mr Norris discovered at a Headteachers conference recently. The



sticks can be refilled saving manufacturing of extra casing and the refill cases can be repurposed or recycled unlike the current glue we use. Planet Protectors have discovered that the new glue is stickier, they need to use less of it and it is smooth and not lumpy, so they have given it the thumbs up! We hope to order for the whole school soon.

Plans for this term

Whole school energy saving challenge

Recycling/repurposing event with FRS

Fund raiser to twin our toilets and support other communities to build a toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene.

A very big thank you to all the Planet Protectors who come from Years 1-6. They are enthusiastic and work hard to spread their knowledge and passion about taking care of our world.