



Think Global Act Local

Eco Committee



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HELP STOP CLIMATE CHANGE!



Why are we doing this?

We are trying to reduce the use of single use plastics because



- Most plastic isn't biodegradable which means it doesn't rot, like paper or food, so instead it can hang around in the environment for thousands of years.
- Animals and birds can get hurt by plastic. They can get trapped in carrier bags and food packaging.
- Birds and fish can mistake plastic for food. They can't digest plastic so their stomach become full and they don't have room for actual food.
- Plastics are poisonous if animals eat them.

We have got a video we want to share with you.



We are trying to reduce energy use because



- To make energy such as electricity you need to burn fuels called fossil fuels. When you do this it makes gases which are bad for the environment.
- When these gases are in the air they act like an invisible blanket and trap heat from the sun which warms the earth.

As the earth gets warmer:

- The ice in cold places is melting. As the ice turns to water it runs in to the seas and rivers making the water levels higher which can cause floods.
- It affects the habitats of animals. Some animals like polar bears need cold temperatures.
- The weather be more extreme – it may get hotter causing droughts or there may be heavy rain.



We are litter picking because

- Animals can get hurt by litter that is thrown on the ground, particularly plastic.
- If litter is on the ground it doesn't get recycled. We can recycle the litter we collect.
- It doesn't look very nice.



We are looking at the products we buy because

- We want to buy recycled products if we can.
- We don't want to buy single use plastic products.
- If possible we want to buy local.



What we are doing in school?

- Reducing the amount of single use plastic we buy – when Mrs Fitzgerald buys things for the school she will try and avoid single use plastic.
- Mrs Fitzgerald will buy recycled products if she can.
- We will recycle paper and items we use in school.
- Letters to parents are only sent by email we do not sent paper copies.
- The eco warriors will be doing litter picks around the school and Alfriston.

- The school kitchen now compost their food waste instead of putting it in the bin.
- Having re-usable containers in lunch boxes, not single use plastic, so it doesn't go into landfill.
- The eco warriors will be checking that lights and other electrical equipment are switched when not being used. Classes, the office and Mrs Hudson will be given a green bottle lid if they turn things off when they are not in use. Whoever has the most green bottle lids at the end of the week will win 'Charlie the Eco Cat' to keep for the week.

How can you help?



Reduce the use of single use plastics



- Do not use single use plastics in lunch boxes, use reusable containers instead.
- Don't use single use plastic drink bottles ensure you have a reusable one.
- Stop using plastic straws.
- Don't eat gum, it is made of rubber (plastic).
- Don't use plastic bags use reusable ones instead.



LETS GET DRASTIC ABOUT PLASTIC!

Reducing energy use



- Switch off lights and any other electrical equipment when not in use. This will save electricity.
- Do not use more heating than we need and keep doors closed to retain the heat.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.** The energy used to make everything we buy has caused carbon emissions.
- Cycle or walk if you can – this reduces emissions.
- Throw less food away. Food that goes to landfill releases a gas that is bad for the environment.





Litter picking

- Go litter picking with an adult.
- Don't throw rubbish down on the ground, recycle it if you can or throw it in the bin.



Looking at the products we buy

- Don't buy items that are wrapped in plastic such as fruit & vegetables.
- Buy recycled or eco products.
- Buy local produce.
- Only buy what you need and are going to use.



Top Tips!

- Amelie's Top Tip - Write to your local MP and explain you are worried about pollution and climate change.
- Rozalynd's Top Tip - Put everything that is supposed to go in the bin in the bin and everything that should be recycled in the recycling.
- Freya's Top Tip - Look at stuff you really need and try and only buy stuff you can use again.

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IT'S NOW OR NEVER!**

Thank you for listening

