

St. Joseph's Primary School

Global Citizenship Marine Environment Theme – Marine Litter
and People

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Marine Litter and People

What is marine litter?

What does it have to do with us?

http://oceantoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk_wheredoesmarinedebriscomefrom/welcome.html

“By 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the sea”

Dame Ellen MacArther



That's a drastic reality!

Marine Litter



It is estimated that 15% of marine litter is what we find on our shores



Marine Litter



70% of marine litter is on the seabed



Marine Litter

Top 10 marine litter items (Clean Coasts, 2014)



Marine litter is 80% plastic

http://oceantoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk_plastics/welcome.html

As an island country, we here in Ireland depend greatly on the marine environment.

Did you know?

- Every second breath we take comes from marine plant life.
- Ingredients for medicine and even ice-cream come from marine plants.



Did you know?

- Over 18,000 jobs are in the marine sector.
- Coastal tourism is worth €2 billion and provides 80,000 jobs.



Did you know?

- The oceans are a source of food for us.
- The oceans help to keep us happy and healthy too.



Did you know?

- The marine environment supports a wonderful biodiversity of plant and animal life.



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The problem of plastic pollution puts all this at risk.

We can do better for the ocean and for us.

Our plan of action

1. Create awareness about Marine Litter

- A whole school assembly
- Upload power point presentation on school website
- Design posters
- Newsletter for parents
- Contact local media

Our plan of action

2. Reduce, reuse, recycle plastic

- Replace disposable water bottles with reusable ones.
School survey results: 42%= disposable bottles
 58% = reusable bottles

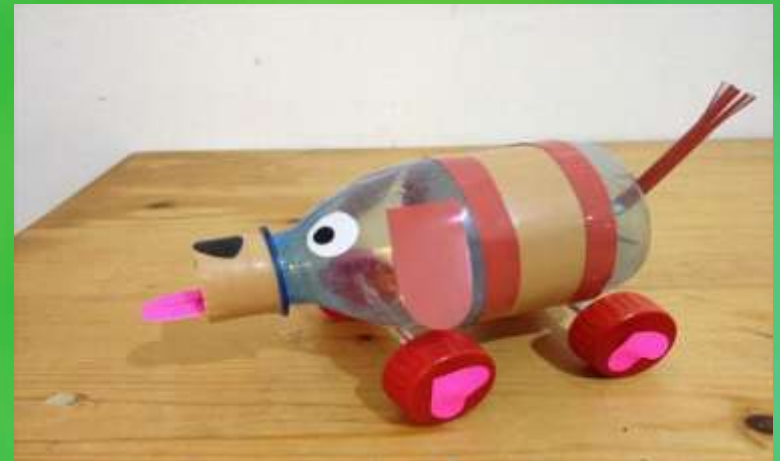
Launch a school campaign to increase the use of reusable water bottles. Target 90%

- Whole school plastic bottle art activities
- Two minute street clean activities

Our plan of action



**Plastic Pollution.
Be part of
The Reusable
Solution!**



Summary



Plastic pollution in the sea



Destroys marine plant and animal biodiversity



Reduces resources for humanity

**Be part of the solution,
not the pollution!**

