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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Science Week and us working towards our Green Flag award this year we are inviting everyone at home to participate in The Big Plastic Count between the 9th and 15th March. This will be part of the children's homework for the next two weeks.

The last Big Plastic Count showed that nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK each year, with hardly any of it recycled. The rest is burned, sent abroad or ends up in landfill. We can't recycle our way out of the plastic waste crisis, so this time the aim is to gather evidence to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good and create The Global Plastic Treaty.



HOW TO TAKE PART:

It's easy! From Monday morning until Sunday evening, count as you throw!

Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the Let's Count Tally Sheet.

TOP TIPS:

1. Put the Let's Count Tally Sheet up on your fridge, or near your bin or recycling.
2. Tell everyone you live with that you're going to be taking part and ask them to include their plastic waste in the count too.
3. Using the Let's Count Tally Sheet, record the different types of household plastic packaging waste you use for one week. This includes plastic going in your bin and plastic you put out for recycling.
4. Use the Plastic ID Tool to look up plastic items if you need to.
5. Remember to write down any piece of plastic packaging you use while out and about, then mark it on your tally sheet when you get back home.



WHAT NOT TO COUNT:

- Don't include: plasters, medication packaging, non-dairy milk/juice cartons, nappies, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or period products.
- We don't want to include plastic items that are used for medical or sanitary reasons, or by people with disabilities who rely on plastic items for independence.
- Also, we are not counting coffee cups or Tetra Pak, the plasticised cardboard material that many juice/milk cartons are made of.
- Check out the Plastic ID Tool online to familiarise yourself with the kinds of plastics we're counting up for this survey.

Once your household has completed the survey, your child will need to record their results online at home via their unique class link:



Reception: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/reception-24>

Year 1: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/year-1-27>

Year 2: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/year-2-31>

Year 3: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/year-3-36>

Year 4: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/y4-at-aecps>

Year 5: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/year-5-36>

Year 6: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12405/year-6-34>

We then suggest children upload their results at home. Once they have uploaded their results they will receive 10HP and a certificate of participation. They may like to then bring their tally sheet into school along with their homework on Monday 23th March.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Big Plastic Count please visit this website:

[#">www.thebigplasticcount.com.#](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com)

We'd like to say a huge thank you for your support in taking part in this important investigation!

Kind Regards

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