



THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

Monday, 11th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We invite everyone at home to participate in positive change. Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.

In 2022, nearly 250,000 people from schools, households and communities across the country made The Big Plastic Count the biggest ever investigation into UK household plastic waste. It 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 The Big Plastic Count is back – and this time we've got an even bigger target in our sights – The Global Plastics Treaty.

By joining thousands of people across the country and counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, you can gather the vital evidence we need 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.

Your child should come home today with a copy of the 'Big Plastic Count' tally chart. As a family you should mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#). Using this 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. Use the [Plastic ID Tool](#) to look up plastic items if you need to. Remember to also 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.

The tally chart needs to be completed between Monday 11th March and Sunday 17th March. Tally charts should be returned to school on Monday 18th March in order for our eco team to analyse the data.

To find out more about 'The Big Plastic Count' please visit thebigplasticcount.com.

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

Kind regards

Nicola Gentleman

Deputy Head Teacher