



ECO-WARRIORS



NEWSLETTER

February (just!)

The Big Plastic Count!



Next month, Greenpeace are running a week long campaign to encourage us all to be aware of the plastic we throw away in our homes. They are asking as many families as possible, across the UK, to count (keep a tally) of all the plastic items that we throw away in one week.

Greenpeace will then collect the nationwide data, all about single-use, throwaway plastics and the habits of everyday people like us, and use it to lobby the government for change. Therefore, we thought it would be a great idea to get involved and support Greenpeace in their valuable work.

Your child will bring home a sheet that they can use to keep a tally of all the everyday plastic items that get thrown away or recycled in your home.

At the end of the week, everyone then brings their completed form back to school and the Eco Warriors will collect the data and send it off to Greenpeace.

There will be a certificate (and raffle ticket) for everyone who takes part.

What is The Big Plastic Count?

The Big Plastic Count is an important investigation into household plastic waste. It's run by Greenpeace, and Everyday Plastic.

The last Big Plastic Count, in 2022, saw nearly 100,000 households counting and recording every piece of plastic they threw away for one week.



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Why is The Big Plastic Count Important?



The government says 46% of the UK's plastic waste is recycled. That's because they count all the plastic waste the UK sends to other countries.

The results from the last Big Plastic Count show it's a lot less. Just 12%! This is because a lot of the plastic waste sent abroad doesn't actually get recycled.

Following last year's event, we were able to present the findings to the UK government to show the huge, harmful impact plastic packaging is having on the planet.

We need to keep the pressure up to see positive change.

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St Peter's Eco-Warriors meet every two weeks on a Thursday.

