



## Stillness Infant school

### **GET LITTER PICKING BUT TAKE A PHOTO!**

It's time to do something for the wildlife - pick up litter! It doesn't matter whether it's on your street, in your local park, at the beach or at Granny's house in Newcastle; all the rubbish needs to be recycled or binned. Every time your child does a litter pick anywhere, email a photo to Zara saying where in the world you have collected rubbish as she would like to put a big map together as part of our Eco Schools and Plastic Free School projects. If there's one great thing you can do this summer, it's litter picking! Stop plastics from getting into our rivers and seas and killing the wildlife, by picking it up!

*(REMEMBER TO LITTER PICK SAFELY! Wear gardening style gloves to protect your hands - garden centres and diy stores sell child sized ones. Use your eyes before your hands to prevent you all from getting cut or hurt from sharp objects. Keep your child with you and do not let them zoom off without you so they do not pick up something dangerous (sometimes fishing line still has hooks still attached to it.) Try to recycle any plastic bottles or metal containers by carrying two bags, one for recycling and one for rubbish. If you are near the beach, check the Marine Conservation Society website for a list of organised beach cleans to join in with).*

### **BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT**

The Big Butterfly Count starts today! Between Friday 17 July to Sunday 9 August, choose a place to spot butterflies and moths for 15 minutes and record which ones you see. It could be your garden, the park or on a day out somewhere. You can download an app or print out a butterfly ID chart at [www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org). Send the results of what you see in to the count and help the UK see how our beautiful butterflies are doing. Be a scientist and get counting....

### **PLASTIC FREE JULY**

Plastic is everywhere but not in a good way. Plastic Free July is an initiative to look at your family use of plastic and start to look for ways to cut down or even cut out plastics. Go to [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org) to get ideas and download a pledge to start using plastic free alternatives. Email Zara with photos of your Plastic Free July pledge or any great ideas you have that we can pass onto to everyone in school!

### **MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY STAFF CAKE SALE**

The staff at school enjoyed lots of Zara's yummy cakes and raised £65 for the Marine Conservation Society to help them look after the seas and coastlines around our wonderful island. Well done everyone!

**WEBSITE THINGS TO DO!** Our website has lots of eco things for your child to do this summer. Look under the Covid Home Learning, then the 'eco' tab for minibeast and plant hunts, activities and colouring sheets.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** It's time to give back to nature! Nature has helped us all during this strange and unsettling time but now it's our turn to love the world around us. From litter picking and planting wildlife friendly plants to minibeast hunts and using less plastic, it all helps - so what can you and your family do this summer?

### **COUNTRYSIDE AND COASTLINE CODES COLOURING SHEETS**

If you are going to the countryside or beach this summer, remember that there are 'good citizen codes' to teach your child about these environments that we only visit and do not always fully understand. You will find two colouring sheets attached to this email so please print them out and talk to your child so they understand how to behave in a kind and considerate way when out and about.