

Students Pick Litter on the Beach!

KS2 and lower KS3 students took part in a litter pick at Fraisthorpe beach on Wednesday 16th June as part of the school joining the Wildlife Trust. Students have learnt that every year, an estimated 8 million tons of litter enters the world's oceans. Plastic poses the biggest threat to marine wildlife as it does not just disappear; it simply breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, and has detrimental effects on food chains, working its way up from the tiniest plankton into the bodies of sharks, whales and dolphins.

Students have learnt that it is not just our marine life at risk from litter. Mammals like hedgehogs and birds like swans frequently suffer injuries as a result of getting caught up in waste. In conjunction with this students have been revamping our school garden by planting more varieties of plants to attract different species of insects. As part of learning key literacy skills, students wrote persuasive letters to our local B & Q store asking them to donate plants for our garden. They kindly donated £200 worth of plants and already the garden is looking much better to look at as well as being more environmentally friendly to wildlife.

Our students must have used many persuasive techniques when writing their letters, so well done to all! We now serve hot meals in school at lunchtime so have more waste to throw away. As part of this we will be providing further education for our students about recycling and will be setting up a Composter to use for the garden. One of our students is making a Hedgehog house in his D & T lessons.

