



Waste

The logo consists of three stacked, trapezoidal shapes. The top shape is dark blue with the word 'Waste' in white. The middle shape is orange with the word 'Week' in white. The bottom shape is yellow with the year '2023' in white. The background is a light gray and white checkerboard pattern.

Week

2023

What is waste?



Many of the everyday things we do create waste.

What type of waste is this?

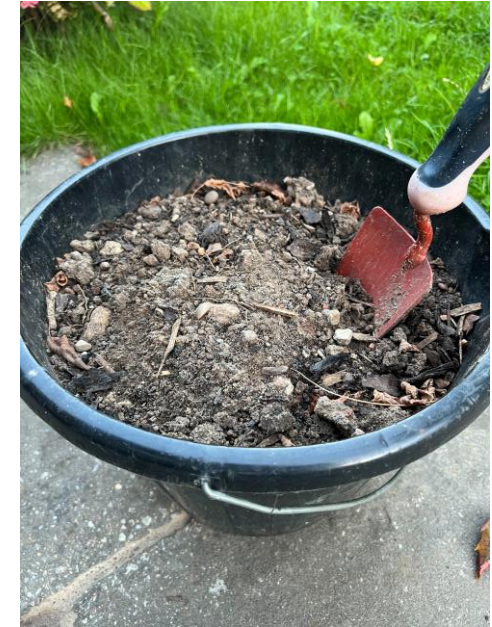


Do you remember creating a compost bottle with your class back in September?



What does your compost bottle look like now?

- Can you remember what materials we used to create our compost bottle?



We re-used materials rather than just threw them away.

- Have you still been putting your fruit peelings into your class compost bin and taking this to the school compost bin?
- By doing this, you are re-using materials rather than just letting them go to waste.



It's up to you!

When you throw something away, you have a choice



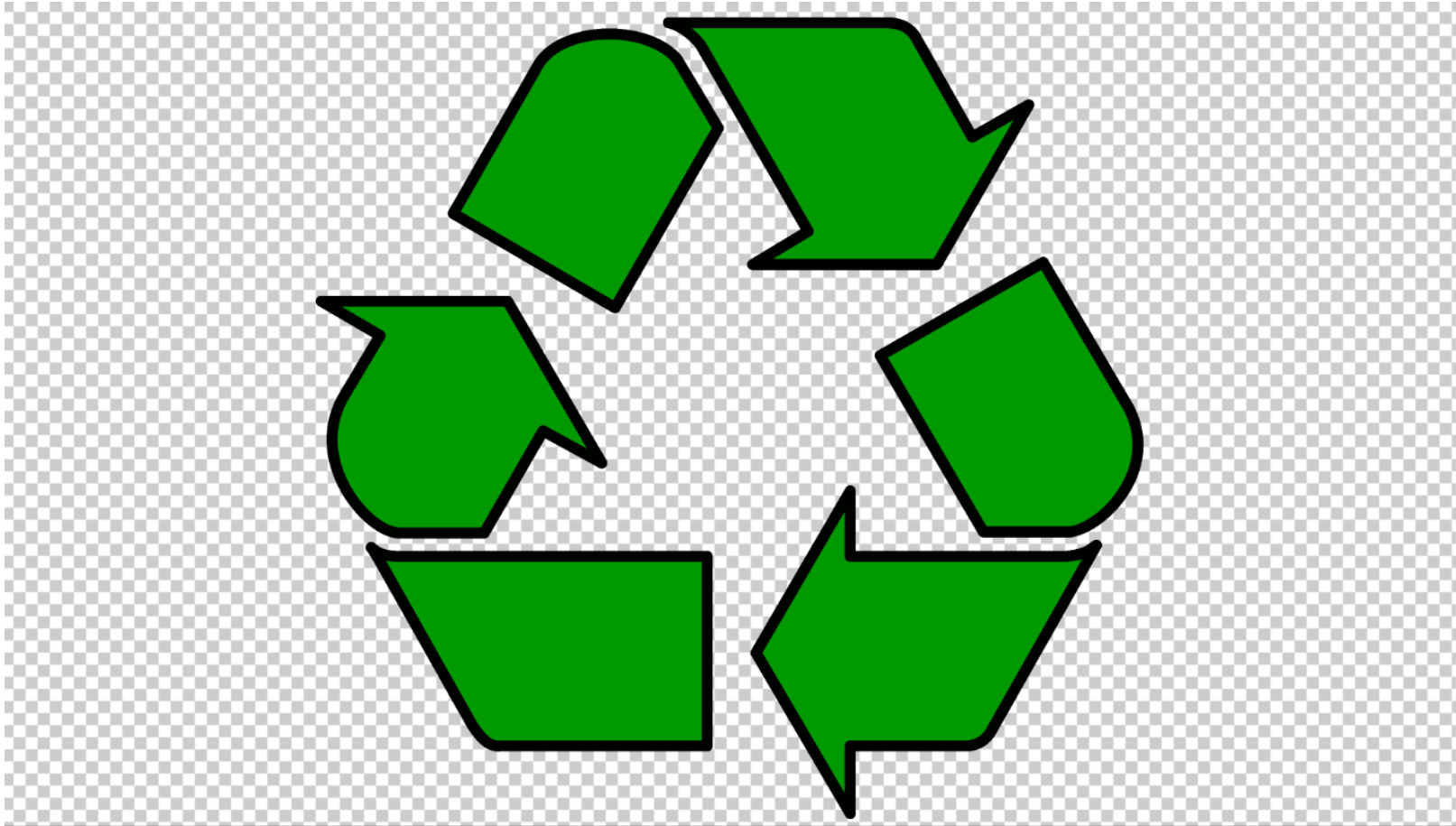
Recycle

or



Landfill

Recycling means using things again rather than just throwing things away.



What is landfill?

Big holes in the ground – they're filling up fast!



What happens to waste that goes to landfill?

**Is waste a problem?
What do you think?**



What shall we do at our school to reduce waste?



You made a mistake and your drawing is spoilt, what could you do with your paper?



Re-cycle or Re-use it

- The Green team have suggested you could either re-use the paper if you can, or make sure it goes into your class paper recycling bin.
- The Green Team will make sure every week your recycling bin is emptied into the school recycling paper bin in the hall, so Mr Williams can put it into the recycling bin outside, and it will be made into something else.



You are leaving the classroom to go to assembly, do you need to leave the lights on?

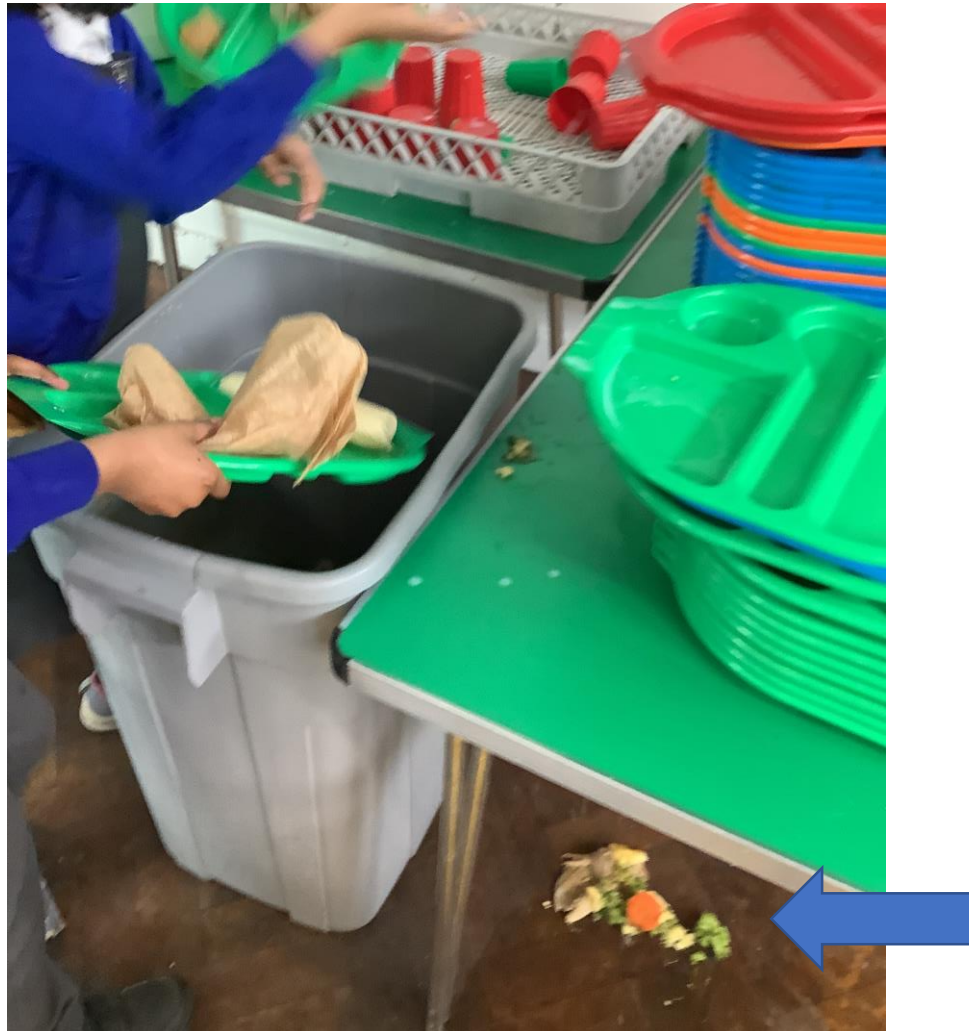


Incredible... but true

- We all waste food!!!!
- Did you know that in one year, every one of us throws away about 70 kg of food on average? That is about the same amount as a grown adult.
- Most of the food we throw away could have been eaten
- ▶ **What do you think is the main reason for throwing away food?**



Do you think it is good for us to throw away food?



Food Waste!

- Food costs lots of money.
- Some people in the world do not have enough food.
- We are lucky to have food at school cooked by our kitchen staff.
- Think about the food you are given. Do you always eat it all?

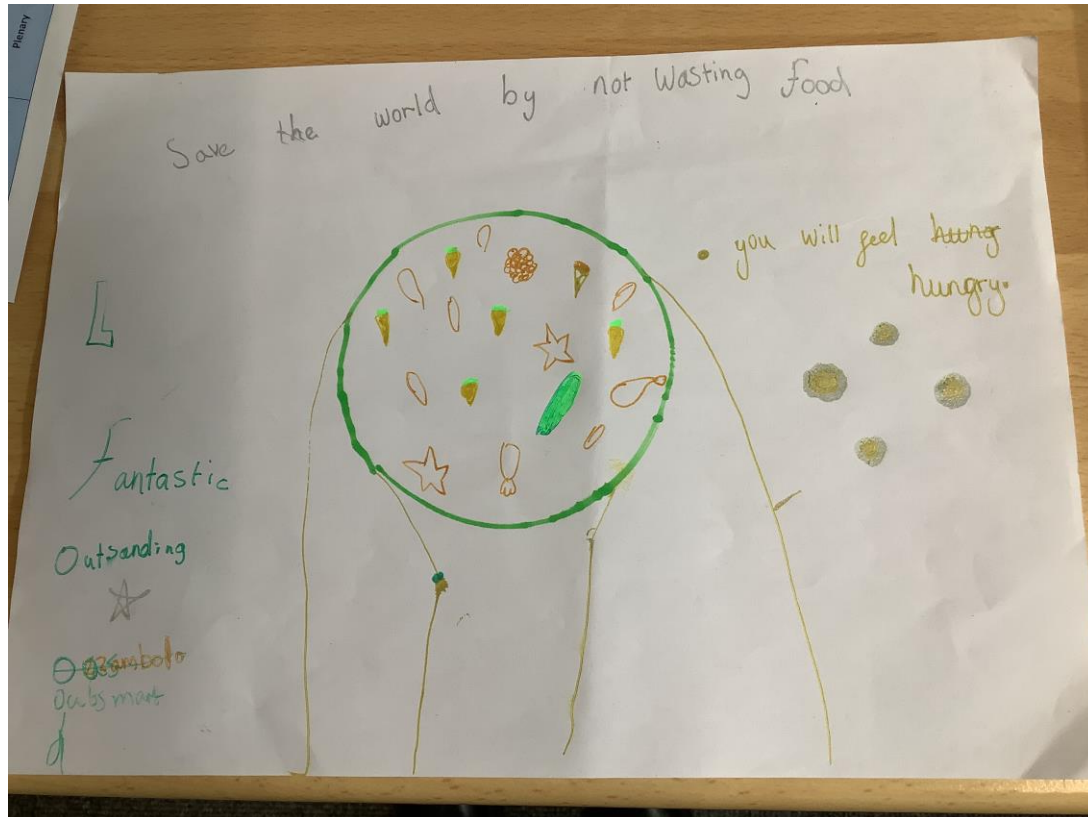


Jobs for this afternoon!

- Plant a 'Begonia Bulb' in your compost bottle.
- What do think will happen to this?
- Once your plant starts to grow you may need to plant it into a bigger pot.



Make a poster to teach others about not wasting food. Here are some the Green Team and Community Rangers have already made to give you some ideas. Don't waste your paper if you make a mistake!





Make a pledge about how you will help to reduce waste. A pledge is like making a promise.



What's your pledge?

Pen at the ready? Make a pledge to think before you bin. Stick or write your waste-saving promise on this poster and make sure it's placed somewhere prominent around school, so everyone who contributes is reminded of the pledge they've made to reduce the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill.

FACT: There is enough steel in an iron to produce 12 baked bean cans! That old toaster could come back as a laptop!
Source: www.recyclingcardinals.org.uk

Example pledges

Stuck for inspiration? Consider one of these pledges for a starter:

- 1 I think we should all consider how we can reuse/recycle things. So I'm going to swap old magazines with friends or recycle them in future.
- 2 I'm going to stop the washing machine from running when I'm not doing so. I'm going to stop leaving the tap running when I'm not using it as the car.
- 3 I'm going to use as few food items in my lunchbox as I can.
- 4 I'm going to stop a reusable drink bottle at home rather than buying bottled water.
- 5 I'm going to stop making my clothes Old MacDonald, then stop buying them if I can't find them.
- 6 I promise to be more thrifty and think of a way to reuse something that would otherwise go to the bin or recycling bin.

FACT: It's estimated there are 13,000 pieces of plastic litter per square kilometre of the world's oceans.
Source: www.will.org.uk
Conservation Society (newsdesk.org)

Top Tips

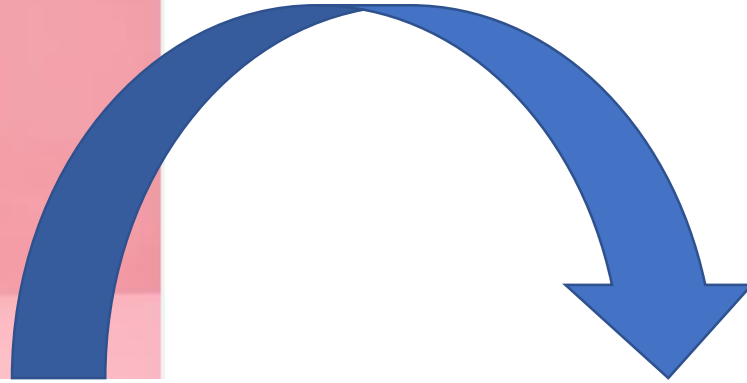
- 1 Make your pledge realistic but challenging – You don't want to be determined and give up because your pledge isn't achievable. But at the same time, don't make it too easy otherwise you won't make any real difference.
- 2 Make it specific – don't be too vague as you're unlikely to stick to it, but set yourself a focused target so you have something tangible to work towards.
- 3 Measure and monitor your progress – Set yourself a time to review your pledge and keep on track. It's to see how you're getting on. Be honest and admit to it if you're not doing well. Taking small steps rather than big leaps.
- 4 Hit your pledge! – Congratulate yourself for starting and achieving your goal. But don't be complacent... make another pledge to tackle a different aspect of waste now!

To finish - A recycling task to complete at home

- The Green Team and Community Rangers would like you to think about if you have any toys at home you no longer use or play with?
- Should we just throw them away?



What might happen to your toy if you just throw it away?



On March 24th we are going to have a 'Swap Shop' at school!

- You can bring your old toys into school on that day and swap them for another toy if you would like to.
- Only bring toys to school that you have spoken to your grown up about.



Complete the 'Pledge' at home and bring it back to school with your toy.

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TOY-TASTIC PLEDGE



This toy is fantastic and deserves a new home because...

So I am going to...



DON'T LET TOYS GO TO WASTE!

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Find out more: Jointhepod.org