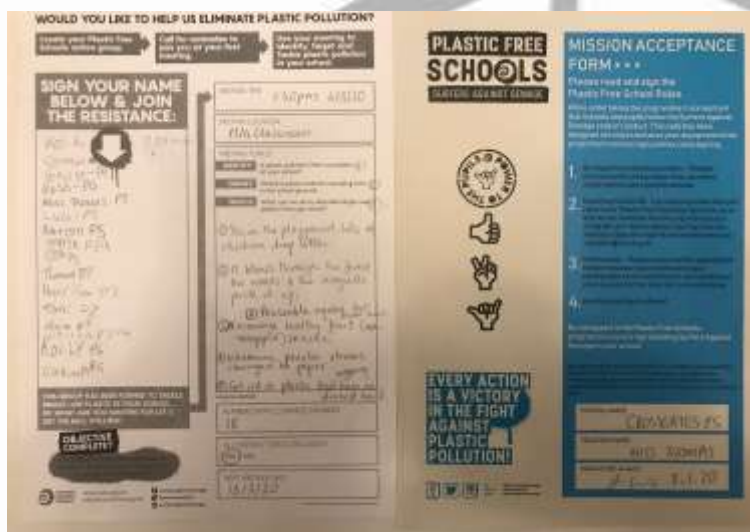


Crossgates Primary School Plastic Free Schools Evidence May 2020



Objective 1: Action Plan



Our Plastic Free journey started in April 2019 with the formation of our 'Plastic NOT Fantastic' committee. This then evolved into our 'Plastic Free Schools' committee which was formed in January 2020. Our committee consists of 16 children and is led by Miss Thomas who is our Principal Teacher.

Our committee meets every two weeks and has two objectives;

- 1) To reduce the amount of single use plastics in our school.
- 2) To educate ourselves and others about sustainability.

Objective 2: Trash Mob

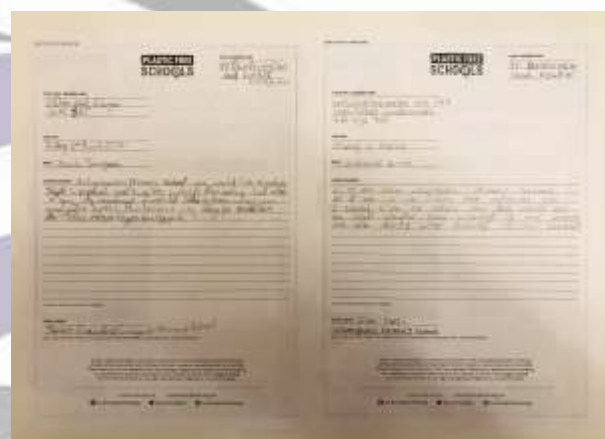
After discussing Objective 2 we decided to set up two types of trash mob; the big trash mob and the little trash mob. The purpose of doing this was to make it more sustainable.

Big mob - The big mob do a big clean as part of their John Muir Award two times per year. They pick a local area and spend the day collecting litter. This is then advertised to the local community to highlight the litter problems in our area.

Little mob; The little mob is made up of children from our 'Plastic Free Schools' committee who complete a weekly litter pick in our playground during our assembly. Every week they come in at the end of the assembly to show how much litter they have collected with the aim of reducing the amount of litter week on week. This also gives the children a chance to highlight which types of litter are causing the biggest problems in our playground.



Objective 3 : Challenging Government



In March 2020 we wrote to several MPs, MSPs and Councillors about plastic pollution. The school closed on 20th March due to the Covid-19 pandemic so we are hoping to receive a response once we return to school.

Objective 4: Challenging Industry



We wrote to several different firms about the plastic pollution litter we found in our playground and sent them evidence of this. We also wrote to Muller, who provides our school milk, about the single use plastic straws they use on their milk cartons.

Objective 5: Challenging Yourself



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Today our Plastic Free Schools committee launched our new Crossgates reusable water bottle. These will be available to buy for £1 from tomorrow onwards. #PlasticFreeSchools #ResponsibleCitizens

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Three single use items eliminated;

- 1) Single use plastic cups across the whole school.
- 2) Single use water bottles with the introduction of our own school reusable school water bottle.
- 3) Single use plastic aprons which our P7 helpers used when on duty in the dinner hall. We used the profits we made selling water bottles to purchase these.



Cllr Darren Watt - Cowdenbeath Ward
Well done Crossgates! A fantastic initiative that'll make a huge difference. 🌱💧

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Be sure to keep one aside for me, I'd love to buy one! 🙌👍

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We have now SOLD OUT of water bottles! We've sold 100 in two days which is amazing, thanks for your support. We'll restock when we return to school. #PlasticFreeSchools

