

# Crossgates Nursery June 2020



# **Objective 1 - Action Club**



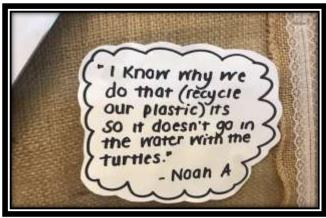
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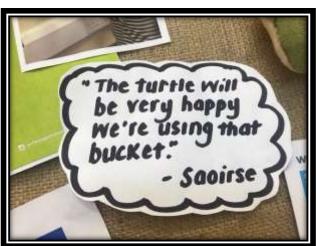


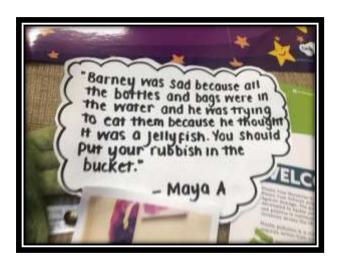
 Here we are listening to the story of Barney the turtle and learning about what we can do to help.

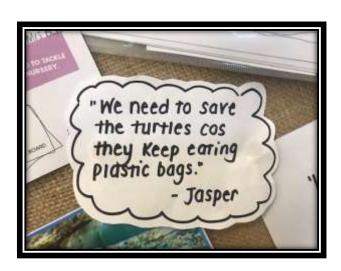
# Children's Voice

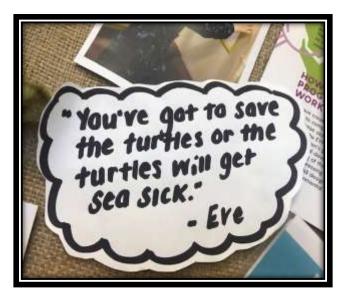




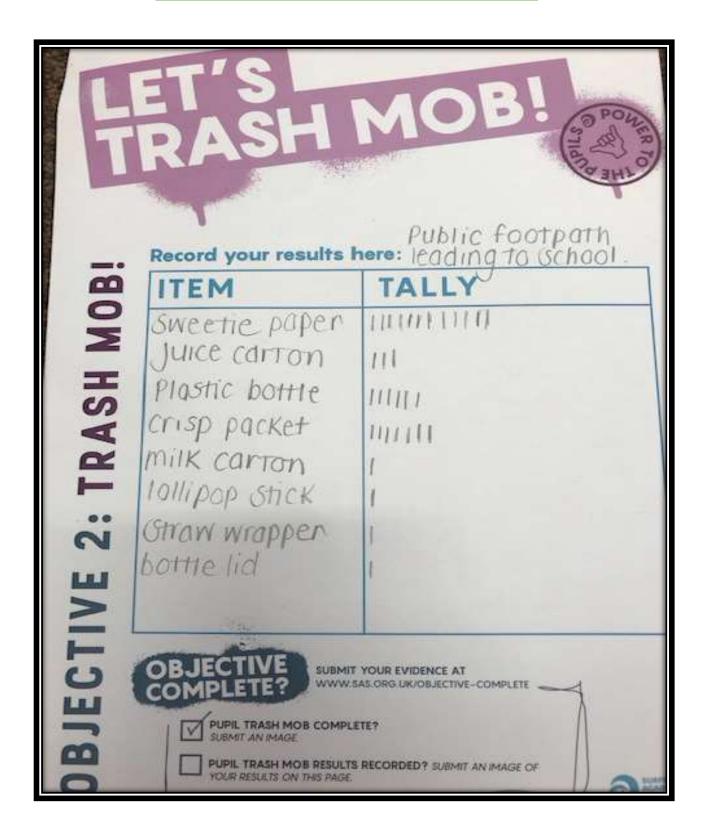








# **Objective 2 - Trash Mob!**



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The children worked hard to pick up the litter on the path leading up to the school. The nursery children enjoyed this activity so much it became a weekly thing as we made links with the schools litter picking committee to help them keep the school grounds free of litter.

# **Objective 3 - Plastic Detectives**

Children became detectives to look at items in their surroundings. They took time to differentiate if things were made off glass, metal, plastic or wood. When we found items made of plastic we discussed whether or not we used them many times over or could they only be used once then thrown away.











Our two biggest uses of of single use plastic were at snack in the form of:

yogurt pots and milk carton straws and wrappers

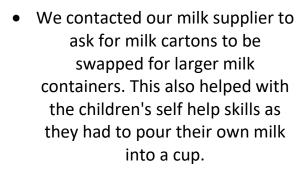




# **Objective 4 - Stemming the Flow**



A plastic recycling bin was introduced to nursery. Children were familiar with popping plastic in the 'green bin' having done this at their own homes. This meant we were now recycling plastic, paper and food waste.









 Leading by example staff swapped to refillable water bottles and reuseable food storage containers for their lunch. One member of staff replaced her plastic straws for paper ones instead.

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 Yogurt pots are washed out to be reused in our art area. Children can explore their creativity by making some wonderful junk modelling creations. We even used them to make bird feeders which we hung up in the nursery garden.

 Milk container lids were also kept and put out both in the art area and at the

woodwork bench.



 As a result of us finding out that glitter is posing huge problems to aquatic life as it is easily digested we made sure to supply our nursery children with biodegradable glitter.



 We completely removed all plastic toys from our sand tray and replaced these with metal and wood items as well as lots of natural materials. This enhanced the children's learning as items could be used in a more open ended approach.





 Staff made a conscious decision to only laminate items that were going to be up on the wall for a long period of time or once taken down would be kept and reused. We stopped laminating temporary displays as this meant we could neither recycle them in the paper or plastic bin.





# **Objective 5 - Sharing our Work**



Our 'plastic free nursery' journey has been shared across the schools Twitter and Facebook social medias.



 Our 'Plastic free nurseries – surfers against sewage' notice board was proudly displayed in our nursery room so parents, carers and visitors could see our mission. (See pic in objective one)





Children made posters to spread the word about the importance of reducing our use of single use plastics. These were displayed in the school and staff room.



# How else can we help...?



Even during our recent school closure we encourage children to build upon their good work by furthering this at home. One of our home learning activity sheets focus was all about reduce, reuse and recycle.



Children are supplied with boxes to collect batteries in and bring them in to school for our battery recycling programme.



We participate in the schools pen recycling by saving all our coloured markers when they are no longer useable.



We also support our tooth brush scheme 'Childsmile' by collecting our old toothbrushes and empty toothpastes to be recycled.