

Stage 3 Be plastic clever

The Green Team with the help of the Geography department and other staff and responded to their increased awareness of plastic waste and have put in place several initiatives in school. Below are some of the posters which have been put up in school to demonstrate what has already been achieved.

The first initiative launched by the Green Team was recycling bins in every class room. This included plastic and paper and metal which can all be recycled and is collected by students every Friday and then taken to the special white recycling bins near the gate. The students measure and record the amount collected in each room. Additional terracycling bins have been provided for less easily recycled items such as crisp, biscuit and chocolate wrappers.



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The second initiative was to provide compostable cups at parents' evenings etc. to eradicate the use of plastic/polystyrene cups. This was followed by the introduction of wooden cutlery in the school canteen. Students are

actively encouraged by the school to buy a reusable water bottle for lessons.

At Christmas, students suggested that we stop using plastic trees around the school. A local garden centre donated two trees and we have used real trees again this year.



In order to continue our efforts to reduce single use plastic and other products in school the Green team have launched a travel mug!

Several samples were discussed and the final product has now arrived featuring the school logo.
January 2020



Available in school and at open evenings. Please buy a green mug and reduce the number of disposable cups you use.
Only **£4.90** - At least £1.40 will go towards green projects in school.

To encourage people to stop using single use plastic the Green Team chose a design for reusable travel mugs which have been sold to staff, students and parents. The money raised is going towards other Eco-

initiatives in school.

In order to continue our efforts to raise awareness of plastic waste issues, some of students have written letters to local MPs explaining what they have been doing and asking what else is being done in their local area to reduce plastic waste and encourage recycling.

Writing to our local member of parliament January 2020



Members of the Green team have started a campaign of letter writing to ask local MPs what they are doing to help the environment.



Students have written to ask what is being done to

- reduce single use plastic
- green up our local area
- encourage recycling

As well as offer our suggestions and explain what has been done at CGSG

We are very proud that the Green Team have been recognised as best recycling school in Medway and Overall recycling champions for Kent and Medway. All of this great news and the various initiatives have been shared on the school media platforms.

We are grateful that our canteen staff have also responded to discussions with staff and students and continued to bring in new plastic free alternatives. This



Please continue to use the correct bins in the Lime lounge.

A huge thank you to our catering team who have phased in more plastic free packaging solutions.

We now have;

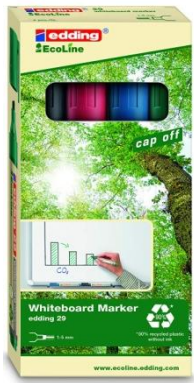
Cardboard takeaway containers since term 3

Compostable sandwich boxes since term 4

February - March 2020



means that products bought are using less single use plastic and more organic and compostable materials.



As of this academic year the Geography department has ordered and will be trialling reduced plastic board pens. There is also a used pen collection point in the staff workroom which are then taken to Ryman's stationers for pen recycling.



We hope to do many more projects and initiatives and would like to work with other schools in the area.