

St Margaret's C of E Green Team Newsletter

Dear children and families,

We hope you enjoyed a spot of birdwatching last week. Over the next few weeks our focus is **recycling**.

At St Margaret's we have been learning to look after our planet by picking up litter, recycling paper in school and making eco-bricks out of plastic bottles.

Why is this important?

We are using too much single-use plastic in our daily life. It takes hundreds of years to break down, goes into the soil, in the sea and ultimately in the fish and animals we eat. We need to swap single-use plastic for materials that are friendlier for our planet.



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Development Goal

GOAL 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Responsible Production and Consumption



01 RETHINK— The next time you are in a shop take a moment. Do you really need that box of individually wrapped snacks? Can you make the same thing at home instead? **The point is to stop and think!**



Family recycling goal

When you go shopping with your family this week, look at the materials that your food is packed in. What is made out of paper, cardboard, glass, metal and plastic? Can you make a tally chart to show your results?

How many items are single-use plastic? Can you think of ways to reduce single-use plastic in your shopping? Share your ideas, we'd love to hear them!



Can you help your parents to sort out the recycling into the correct bins?





Send us a picture of your sorting and tally charts to u.sullivan@st-margarets.manchester.sch.uk

Green bin and food caddy	Blue bin	Brown bin
Food and garden waste Out of date food (no packaging) Meat and bones (cooked and uncooked) Bread and pastries Dairy (e.g. cheese) and egg shells Tea bags and coffee grounds Fruit and vegetables Grass, flowers, hedge and plant cuttings Please note you can put other your food caddy or your green bin out for weekly collection, but not both.	Paper and card Food and drink cartons (tetra packs) Egg boxes Cardboard Newspapers, magazines, brochures, envelopes and junk mail Card packaging	Glass, plastic and tins Plastic bottles (please remove lids) Cleaning products and shampoo bottles Food tins Tin foil Drinks cans Aerosols Glass jars and bottles (any colour) Please note plastic bottles are the only kind of plastic you can recycle in your brown bin. All other plastic packaging must be thrown away in your grey bin.
No thanks X Don't put any of these things in your recycling bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General rubbish Soil, gravel and stones Wood Plant pots Pet bedding Animal droppings Yoghurt pots Metal objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's toys Electrical goods Batteries Polystyrene Plastic bags including 'biodegradable' Plastic packaging including tubs, pots and food trays

Our plastic story

We are thinking about looking after our planet and reducing our plastic waste.

When you go shopping, look carefully at what you buy. Can you sort it out into items that can be recycled and items that cannot be recycled. What alternative products can you buy to replace single use plastic?

Which bin can you sort it into	What you have bought	Tally/ tick
 <p>Blue Bin Cardboard, food and drink cartons, magazines, comics, waste paper, newspapers, cardboard egg boxes, pizza boxes, juice boxes, travel tickets (for bus, tram, train), cards, flyers, leaflets, pamphlets and catalogues.</p>		
<p>Brown Bin</p> 		
 <p>General Waste Bin All single use plastic that cannot be recycled. Please avoid buying!</p> 		

Early Years activity sheet

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Draw a picture of what you buy from the shops. Can you label it paper, glass, metal or plastic?