

Marine Litter Learners - Competition Details and Schedule

EGCP - Turning the Plastic Tide is a project that aims to raise awareness about the problems that plastic pollution causes for our marine environment and our stunning coastline here in the North East of Scotland. We need your help and skills to spread this message so that marine life can thrive, and our beaches can be kept clean for all to enjoy!

This competition encourages you to think creatively about how we can reach out to people with positive messages about protecting your local area. We would like you to share your favourite beaches, marine animals and environmental conservation ideas through imaginative storytelling, poems, posters, drawings and sculptures!

As a bonus, we are giving away free Turning the Plastic Tide t-shirts for the first 100 entries (featuring our 'Litter Nippers' crab logo)! (see note)**

The competition will be spread out over the course of twelve weeks and is presented in **three blocks**:

Month 1: Story Writing: Fact/Fiction

Month 2: Arts & Crafts: Drawings and Sculptures

Month 3: Spread the Word: Posters and Poems

How do I submit my entries?

- 1) Create copies (i.e. photographs or scans) of your stories and/or poems. If you have made a large poster or sculpture, please photograph this as best as possible.
- 2) Submit your copies along with your name and the name of your school by doing either of the following:
 - Share on the EGCP - Turning the Plastic Tide Facebook page (recommended). Posting your creative entries directly to our page will help us share your positive messages to a wider audience and will allow other participants to see your amazing ideas! (It also lets you see what others have submitted too!). To do this, please search for [@turningtheplastictide](#) on Facebook and hit 'like' and 'follow'.
 - Email directly to the Beach Litter Officer, Crawford Paris: crawford.paris@egcp.org.uk. If emailing directly, please ensure that your copies (photos/scans) are resized. Emails sent with very large files may not be received.

How do I find out who wins?

The **top three** submissions will be announced on social media via our Facebook and Twitter pages **every Friday**. If you do not have access to social media, please state this in your email when submitting your entry and you will be emailed the results.

****Note: T-shirts will be distributed to schools at a later date. Please ensure you make your name and school's name is clear in your submission.**

<u>Competition Schedule</u> Winners announced on Fridays	<u>Category</u>	<u>Topic</u> Tips: Bonus points awarded for creativity - catchy story titles or character names, stories accompanied by illustrations etc.
Week 1 Starts: Mon 6 th April Ends: Thu 9 th April	Story Writing: Fact	Write a story about one or both of the following: 1) Visiting your favourite beach - When was it? How often have you been? What do you do there? Why is it your favourite? <u>(and/or)</u> 2) What is your favourite sea animal and why? What makes this animal special to you? Have you seen it? Where did you see it?
Week 2 Starts: Mon 13 th April Ends: Thu 16 th April	Story Writing: Fiction	Write a story about one or both of the following: 1) Story about the journey of a piece of litter (being dropped -> being collected) <u>(and/or)</u> 2) Think how a sea animal might be affected by marine litter. How do you save it? (What animal? What litter? What did you do?)
Week 3 Starts: Mon 20 th April Ends: Thu 23 rd April	Story Writing: Fact	Write a story about one or both of the following: 1) Have you done a beach clean before? What litter did you find? How did it get there? <u>(and/or)</u> 2) A time when you creatively reused a single-use plastic? What was the item and what did you do with it?
Week 4 Starts: Mon 27 th April Ends: Thu 30 th April	Story Writing: Fiction	Write a story about one or both of the following: 1) A day in the life of your favourite sea animal (e.g. Give it a catchy name. Where does it live? What food does it eat? Is it friends with other animals? <u>(and/or)</u> 2) Create your own subsea superhero story and characters - E.g. "Subsea Avengers - The Fight Against Plastic Pollution". Create heroes and villains! What are their names? Where do they live? (e.g. bottom of the sea, under a rock, in a cave, on the beach)

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Week 5 Starts: Mon 4 th May Ends: Thu 7 th May	Arts & Crafts: Drawings & Sculptures	Create a drawing about the following: 1) “You and your favourite beach” - include animals, plants, structures (e.g. castles/ruins) and/or people. Are you with friends, family or a pet? What time of year? What was the weather like? <u>(and/or)</u> Create a sculpture of the following: 2) A sea animal sculpture reusing one piece of single-use plastic (make sure the item is cleaned first)
Week 6 Starts: Mon 11 th May Ends: Thu 14 th May	Arts & Crafts: Drawings & Sculptures	Create a drawing about the following: 1) “Your favourite sea animal in its natural habitat” <u>(and/or)</u> Create a sculpture of the following: 2) A sea animal sculpture reusing two pieces of single-use plastic (make sure the items are cleaned first)
Week 7 Starts: Mon 18 th May Ends: Thu 21 st May	Arts & Crafts: Drawings & Sculptures	Create a drawing about the following: 1) “Doing a beach clean” - Where was it? Did you find large items/small items? Were they brightly coloured? <u>(and/or)</u> Create a sculpture of the following: 2) A sea animal sculpture reusing three pieces of single-use plastic (make sure the items are cleaned first)
Week 8 Starts: Mon 25 th May Ends: Thu 28 th May	Arts & Crafts: Drawings and Sculptures	Create a drawing about the following: 1) “A very unclean beach” - What type of litter is on the beach? Think about where the beach is and what might be polluting it <u>(and/or)</u> Create a sculpture of the following: 2) A sea animal sculpture reusing four pieces of single-use plastic (make sure the items are cleaned first)

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Week 9 Starts: Mon 1 st June Ends: Thu 4 th June	Spread the Word: Posters and Poems	Make a poster or write a poem about the following: 1) Raising awareness of the '3 Ps Rule' (Only Pee, Poo and Paper should be flushed down the toilet!) <u>(and/or)</u> 2) The journey of a piece of litter (being dropped -> being collected)
Week 10 Starts: Mon 8 th June Ends: Thu 11 th June	Spread the Word: Posters and Poems	Make a poster or write a poem about the following: 1) "How to do a Beach Clean Safely" - A poster showing what a safe beach clean looks like (include people using gloves, litter pickers, bags, wearing high-visibility vests, working in pairs/groups etc.) <u>(and/or)</u> 2) "Subsea Superheroes" - E.g. "Subsea Avengers - The Fight Against Plastic Pollution". Create heroes and villains! What are their names? Where do they live? (e.g. bottom of the sea, under a rock, in a cave, on the beach), include yourself!
Week 11 Starts: Mon 15 th June Ends: Thu 18 th June	Spread the Word: Posters and Poems	Make a poster or write a poem about the following: 1) Think how a sea animal might be affected by marine litter. How do you save it? (What animal? What litter? What did you do?) <u>(and/or)</u> 2) A time when you creatively reused a single-use plastic? What was the item and what did you do with it?
Week 12 Starts: Mon 22 nd June Ends: Thu 15 th June	Spread the Word: Posters and Poems	Make a poster or write a poem about the following: 1) What it is like to do a beach clean. What litter you can find? Where did the litter come from? <u>(and/or)</u> 2) Your favourite beach - Where is it? Why is it your favourite? Mention things you like about the beach (Is it sandy? What animals do you see there? Do you go with your friends? What do you do there?)

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