

#HESWALLOCEANBLUE

When we discovered 26 single use plastic bottles in the drinks tub in one classroom, we realised we had a big problem. The whole school decided that they would start a campaign to reduce single use plastics, not only in school, but in the wider community too. We called our project #heswalloceanblue- Take the Plastic Pledge.

Our aim was to raise awareness amongst our friends, families and the wider community about the effects of plastic waste on marine life. We also shared our conservation ideas with schools across Wirral, as part of the Deeside Schools Federation C2C project (Coast to Country).

This is a photostory of our Ocean Blue journey so far...



#HESWAL ECO CODE: SMALL ACTIONS MAKE BIG DIFFERENCES



THE LAUNCH OF OCEAN BLUE



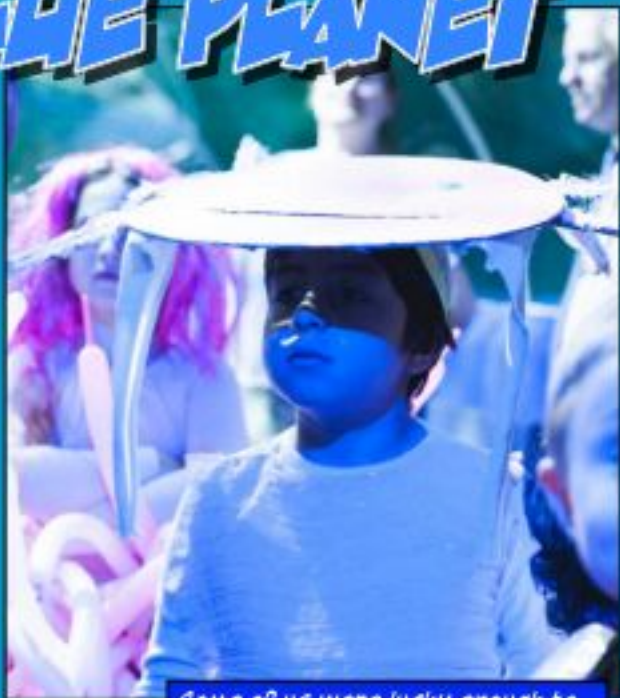
We spent the launch day learning about ocean conservation. We were also visited by two divers from the Blue Planet Aquarium.

To launch our project, we were visited by Sarah Roberts, conservationist and author of 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'. This story tells the journey of a plastic bag through the food chain and helped us to understand the importance of reducing our use of single use plastics.

June 2019



VISITING THE BLUE PLANET



Some of us were lucky enough to visit the Blue Planet to gather more ideas for our project. We went in costume- some of the marine creatures looked a bit worried!



JUNE 2019



A VISIT FROM INCREDIBLE OCEANS



Some of the children asked if we could make t-shirts to spread our message far and wide- we ordered one for everyone in the school!



We invited Russell from Incredible Oceans to spend the day with us. This was the first day that everyone wore their Ocean Blue T-shirts and we were very proud!

Russell, who is a well known oceanographer, brought his giant orca and told us all about the tragic effects of plastic on marine life.

We knew we had to do more to save our oceans...



JUNE 2019



WIRRAL C&C



Schools across the Deeside Federation were involved in a series of events to raise environmental awareness. We produced a piece of art work for an exhibition based on our Ocean Blue campaign and exhibited it at the Lady Lever Gallery, alongside some amazing artwork from other schools. We met Jacha Potgieter, who is a famous environmental artist, who told us all about his ocean waste exhibition 'The Deep' at Chester Cathedral. We also met the Mayor! We gave them both a t shirt!

LITTER PICKING



All of the schools in the Deeside Federation spent a day collecting litter around their schools- we were proud to be part of this huge campaign. But we still wanted to do so much more. We decided to hold a special 'Plastic Pledge' market to share everything we had learnt so far and to invite local people to share their ideas about plastic waste.

#heswallprimaryoceanblue



Please visit our Plastic Pledge Market

Thursday 18th July, 3.30pm-4.35pm to find out more about how you can help reduce plastic waste.

@WirralC2C



TAKE THE PLASTICS PLEDGE

THE PLASTIC PLEDGE MARKET



Even the Milkman came!



We had stalls giving free samples of school dinners to encourage children to have school dinners instead of sandwiches.



One pupil designed his own bags- here he is showing them to our special guest- The Little Litter Collector.



We even had a plastic pledge tree, so that everyone could write down a pledge to cut down on their use of plastic!



Every class prepared a stall to promote the plastic pledge. Some classes even sang songs and performed stories. Local organisations and shops, who are involved in reducing plastic packaging and recycling were also invited. The PTA opened a vintage tea rooms, with real china crockery, to avoid using plastic cups.



JULY 2019

THE OCEAN BLUE T SHIRT CAMPAIGN



Over the summer every child and member of staff wore an Ocean Blue t shirt to be ambassadors for the #heswalloceanblue campaign. We even sent t shirts to our twin schools in Uganda.



AUGUST
2019



NEXT STEPS: AUTUMN 2019
We are writing a film called 'A Planet Full of Plastic' to show at Wirral Science Under the Stars in January.