

Plastic can be fantastic! Plastic is one of the most useful materials humans have invented. It's waterproof, it's strong and light, it can be made into any shape, it's easy to clean and it can come in any colour you want.



So what's the problem?



Plastic is a huge problem for the planet. Plastic rubbish, and even tiny plastic pieces called microplastics, are harming our wildlife, polluting our natural world and making climate change worse. A lot of plastic makes its way into the environment or into the oceans where animals can eat it or get trapped by it.





**PLASTIC
FREE JULY**

Here at Wimbledon Chase we want to do something about this, so we will be focusing on a **Plastic Free July**. Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. We want the whole school community to **Choose to Refuse** single use plastics. We've created a turtle sculpture outside to highlight our campaign.



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SINGLE USE PLASTIC**

What can you do?



Cut down on snacks and things in your packed lunches that come in disposable wrappers, especially individual packets. Fresh fruit and veg, sandwiches and cooked food can all be put in reusable containers. Maybe have fun baking your own cereal bars or biscuits at home! Unprocessed food is much healthier for you too.



In the UK we use an incredible 38.5 million single-use plastic bottles a day!

So make sure your water bottle is recyclable.



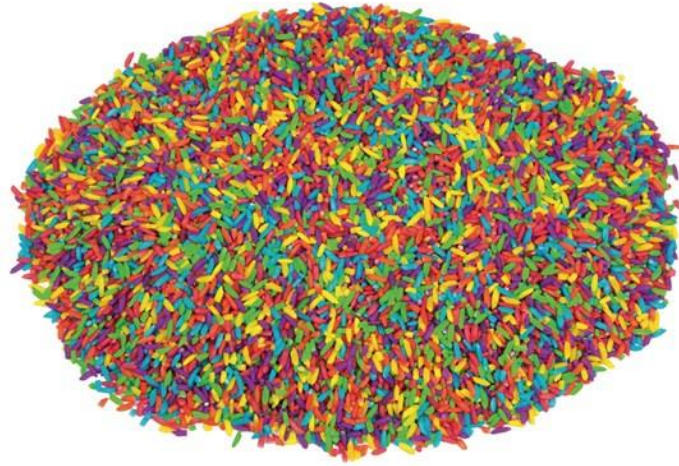


At home...



Avoid glitter, sequins and other plastic art materials.

Try Eco friendly alternatives!





Your Eco Reps should have done a class survey to see how much single-use packaging you use in your snacks and packed lunches.

They will be doing the survey again on Plastic Free Day next Friday to see if more people have managed to Choose to Refuse single use plastic. There will be a prize for the class with the most improved result!

Thank you for listening and please remember to..

CHOOSE TO REFUSE in Plastic Free July!

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