

Environment Day 29th April

The Clean Team are proactively working with the Middlewich High School year 8 pupils to promote litter awareness and encourage pupils to look after their environment.

We were delighted to be asked to take part in an Environment Day on 29th April. Five of the Clean Team committee assisted teachers in 'raising awareness'.

The pupils were involved in a variety of activities including litter picking and completed a survey with suggestions on how to improve their school environment. Other workshops held were; Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Friends of the Earth and Streetscape, covering recycling.

It was a fantastic day and gave an insight into teaching 13 year olds!!

One of the many highlights of the day was taking 40 pupils to attend the opening of the new BULL RING. The pupils set a fine example and we had a brilliant time.

## **WORKING WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL**

The Clean Team continue to work in partnership with the High School.

Just before Easter the Clean Team donated plants and organised a planting session at the school. Pupils worked out of school hours to plant out tubs in the school yerd. It is excellent that the pupils are concerned about their environment and the plants have certainly brightened up the seating area.

Maxine commented 'We are really impressed with the attitude of the pupils we are working with and are looking forward to working on more planting schemes in the future. It will be interesting to discuss ideas with the pupils when we attend the Environment Day 29th April on how their school environment can be improved'.

## **MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 05**

Hilary Jones, Maxine Wrench and Carol Eccles from the Middlewich Clean Team joined forces with three pupils of year 11 to pick litter in the school playground on Friday lunch time in February.

The three pupils wore the Middlewich Clean Team tabbards and picked litter in the school grounds.

The Clean Team hope that this will raise awareness and encourage the whole school to put the litter in the bins. It is planned to revisit the School for more group litter picks hopefully once or twice a term through the rest of the School year.

The Clean Team are working closely with the High School to improve their own environment.

### **High School Notice Board**

The Clean Team visit the High School on a regular basis to update the Clean Team notice board. We try to keep it interesting and involve the pupils.

### **Doing Your Bit**

Are you a school head teacher or Govenor, or maybe a parent who wants to encourage his or her child to do their bit?

If you are then please get in touch with the Middlewich Clean team at [The Clean Team's eMail address](#) and someone will get back in touch with you as soon as we can. Just put in as much or as little detail as you like and we will try and help you

### **Middlewich High School Revisited**

This week, Congleton Borough Council proved just how important the message of 'not dropping litter' is to themselves. They have forwarded £1500 to Middlewich Clean Team treasurer, Maxine Wrench. This money will go towards the High School Poster competition.

Maxine Wrench and Janet Chisholm from the Middlewich Clean Team, along with Gareth Edwards Principle Streetscape Officer from Congleton Borough Council, visited Middlewich High School on Friday 5th November. they took part in a formal assembly in which 700 pupils were involved.

The purpose of this visit was to launch a Poster Competition which the Middlewich Clean Team and Congleton Borough are running in partnership with the High School and to present the school with a large litter bin which MCT have donated.

Janet Maxine and Garath spoke at length about litter and the importance of using bins. All the pupils were invited to enter the competition, the winner will have their work professionally reproduced and it will be displayed in prominent positions around Middlewich.

They met the For the Future group which is the High Schools own dedicated team with the desire to keep their school litter free. This group is rapidly growing and is a first in the country. They are a credit to the school.

## **Leaps and Bounds**

Clean team members Sarah Wrench, Katy Lee and her 2 daughters Harriet and Bridget, went to visit the older nursery children at Leaps and Bounds. The team told the children about the group and why they didnt like to see rubbish on the ground.

The children said when asked that they too didnt like litter on the floor and it made them feel sad.

Harriet demonstrated how to use a litter picker and Bridget held up pictures of the story which Sarah read to the children. Sarah also read a poem, written for The Middlewich Clean team by Sebastain Charlton following a visit to his school.

Finally the children were each given a Clean Team sticker, and a picture to colour, which can be seen here.

## **Middlewich High School Pupils pick litter**

The clean team have been back at the High School presenting further assemblies - this time with quite a hard hitting message about litter and taking responsibility and ownership. The assemblies were again supported by pupils who performed a 'rap'.

Following on from this the clean team agreed to assist the pupils who are part of the team called For The Future, collecting litter from around the High School perimeter fences/ tennis courts & Astro turf.

There are approx 12 members & their aims cover - paper recycling an in school collection is carried out on a weekly basis, they are now becoming involved with taking ownership for the School Campus area by regular litter picking & are interested in creating habitata for wildlife eg nesting boxes.

The Clean Team were greatly encouraged by the attitude of the pupils & look forward to working with them on an ongoing basis

The FOR THE FUTURE group are hoping to involve more pupils at the next litter pick.

## **Middlewich Primary School -AGAIN !**

The clean team were bowled over by the efforts of one of the pupils, who wrote this poem with his mum, following the visit from the clean team.

RUBBISH - by Sebastian Charlton Year 2

Do they realise what they're doing?  
I ask myself why as a crisp packet blows by  
Why people of all ages  
Continue to send me in these rages.  
By throwing rubbish on the floor  
PLEASE DON'T DO IT ANY MORE!  
It's such a simple thing to do  
It is not asking much of you  
To keep our town looking good  
I'm asking you if you would

Put your rubbish in a bin  
Or recycle then we all win!

## **Warmingham CE Primary School**

Janet Chisholm and Katy Lee presented an assembly to the children at Warmingham Primary. Following the same format as the other primary school assemblies, the clean team added a display board so the children could see some photographs of some of the particular bad areas of litter. This proved to be a useful talking point for the children as they entered the assembly room. Mrs Norman joined in the assembly also, by asking the children some questions about a previous litter discussion, which used the saying - "litter is rubbish in the wrong place". When asking the children what they could do themselves, one child answered "by starting your own family clean team" - What more could you ask than to start on your own door step - fantastic!

## **Middlewich Primary School**

The first assembly at Middlewich Primary School, was in February. Some of the schools pupils performed a short drama scene involving someone dropping litter and the effect it caused to other people. Another child read a litter poem and Janet and Diana (Middlewich CleanTeam members) interacted with the children; they asked them questions such as, what is litter and where does it come from? At the end of the presentation, two pupils were presented with a certificate each. They had been spotted about town picking litter! The Deputy Head was also presented with a cheque for £200, from the clean team as a thank you for their support. The money will go to help the schools woodland project.

## **Middlewich High School**

The MCT are working with all the local schools to promote & encourage 'litter awareness'

We have taken part in 2 high school assemblies in December & ran a competition with the pupils to produce a poster for the Clean Team

The winner received a gift voucher of £25 & 3 runners up £10 voucher. The winning poster which is displayed in various shops etc around the town and the logo from which has been used in the design of stickers for the primary school assemblies.

The high school assembly was basically an introduction to the clean team & we also talked about the streetscape role and how the local council used other methods of street cleaning such as the gum blaster machine & weed remover.

Our next assemblies to be held in march will concentrate upon how the school can become more involved with our activities .

As well as the assemblies, the clean team (Diana and Katy) have produced two different displays at the school as a constant reminder of the effects of litter and how they can make a difference.

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