

Waste Free Wednesdays!

Dear all,

It cannot have escaped your attention that our island, seas and indeed our planet are being polluted by plastic waste, much of which is unnecessary. As an eco-school we feel that this is something we need to challenge.

Over the past few months we have been monitoring lunchboxes for packaging and wrappers and we have found that while some children's lunches generate no rubbish, many contain lots of plastic packaging. As a school we currently fill 12 bins daily with non-recyclable, plastic waste. In Jersey this gets burnt, creating obvious pollution issues.

We **ASPIRE** to reduce the amount of plastic waste we generate by improving our lunchboxes. **From next week, we would like children and families to make every effort to bring in a waste free lunch every Wednesday.** Teachers, the eco crew and lunchtime supervisors will monitor lunchboxes; we want to see food, and much less single use plastic packaging! We will be celebrating progress with this, by giving stickers to children with little or no 'waste' in their lunches, and seeing if we can gradually reduce the quantity of waste produced.

To **ACHIEVE** this we need families to think about our lunches, from planning to shopping to preparing. Reusable tubs and pots which can be washed out are fantastic, as is buying in bulk and bringing in the right amount of food, rather than buying single serve yoghurt pots, tubes, Frubes etc.. Please see the photos below for inspiration.



For this to be really effective, we need to do this **TOGETHER**, so please do join in and make every effort to pack and bring in a waste free lunch next Wednesday, and every Wednesday moving forwards. This doesn't

have to be just on Wednesday's either - a waste free lunch is fabulous every day!

Should you have any questions or queries about Waste Free Wednesday, please do not hesitate to contact either your class eco representative or Mr. McAllister at d.mcallister@lamoye.sch.je.

We thank you in advance for your efforts!

From the La Moye School Eco Crew

Please follow these video links for more information about the importance of minimising unnecessary plastic waste.

Blue Planet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLx4fVsYdTI>

Surfers Against Sewage UK:

<https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-schools/>

Plastic Free Jersey:

<https://vimeo.com/256303410>

The Plastic Age:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt6KIPCX1BU>

