



Primary School Art Competition



Plastic made Fantastic!



The competition is a part of **Coventry's Go Green Week** which is **March 6th - 12th 2017**.



'You are invited to join CoventryCAN's **Art Competition 'Plastic made Fantastic'**. With a teacher endorsed resource pack to help children extend their learning about climate change and the Anthropocene Age aka the **'Age of Plastic', an associated Art Exhibition in the City Centre with an Awards Ceremony attended by the Lord Mayor and the chance for your school to win £500 for an eco-project.**' CoventryCAN have lots of **Eco-Schools!**

Today Coventry has 6 Green Flag Primary Schools but many more are invested in the programme already and have some have Bronze and Silver flags. The winning schools will undertake eco-projects with the help of University of Warwick and CoventryCAN members. These schools can design their project following the pupil lead [Eco-Schools 7 Step Method](#). This could mean signing up to or advancing their current Eco-School status.

For Pupils! The Eco-Schools programme 'empowers pupils to lead change ... and encourages pupils of all ages and abilities to work together to develop their knowledge and environmental awareness.'

For Savings! Eco-Schools consume less water and energy and produce less waste – in turn saving money that be allocated elsewhere in the school. Whilst also reducing the schools carbon footprint.

For Ofsted! Eco-Schools programme also meets the Ofsted requirement on schools that measures how effectively a school works in partnership with external agencies and the community (including business) to 'improve the school, extend the curriculum and increase the range and quality of learning opportunities for pupils'

We are encouraging schools, their pupils, families and staff to take part in **Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean'** (March 3rd– 5th) to collect their plastic litter ready to create their pieces of art. Lee Wray-Davies, Eco-Schools Manager at keep Britain Tidy is very excited about our competition. Schools can use their participation in this Great British Spring Clean and Plastic made Fantastic as **evidence** for their Litter Topic as part the **Eco-Schools Flag Awards**.

Plastic made Fantastic will also be featured in the Great British Spring Clean Campaign as a 'great example'.

The 'Age of Plastic'

The Anthropocene Age



We had the **Jurassic Period** with the dinosaurs! ROARRRR – these guys ruled the planet...

We had the **Holocene Epoch** with the end of the Ice Age! BRRRR – it's been chilly but not anymore...

Now some experts say we have the '**Anthropocene Age**'. Where we, people like you and me, rule the planet and we have taken over the Earth so much that the things we do are changing it forever. Some scientists say that this is the '[Age of Plastic](#)'.

We are all Artists!

1. Your piece of art should be of the Earth, the UK or Coventry.
2. You need to do some litter picking and use your plastic bottles, lids, wrappers etc. You can use other things like cardboard and paper as well.
3. You can use anything you want for more colour. Like paint, crayons, felt tips etc.
4. It can be 2D or 3D. We love junk modelling.
5. It can be really small like a tiny picture on a bottle lid or quite big. But please don't make anything that's too big for you to pick up.
6. You can add lots of details to your Earth, UK or Coventry, like people and buildings and animals. Or you can add just a little bit like the countries and the sea and the mountains. It's completely up to you!
7. Have lots of fun and involve anybody you want to. Such as Mum, Dad, Aunty, Grandad but please make the art yourself. This is YOUR art and we want you to have fun creating it.
8. Your school will pick 4 pieces of art to be exhibited. They need to send us an **image emailed to CoventryCAN**. Hopefully they will choose yours!

CoventryCAN

CoventryCAN is network of organisations, groups, clubs, teams and people based in and around **Coventry**. We want to join people together to make Coventry a cleaner, greener, healthier city by promoting sustainable actions. We want to share information, research and ideas and initiate collaborations wherever possible. We want to connect communities and have fun taking action! Any action, any size, any time. I CAN, you CAN, we CAN... CoventryCAN!

We have included a resource pack which has been reviewed by primary school teachers. Mrs Morris, of Whoberley Hall Primary, Coventry commented; **‘This is a comprehensive pack of resources which enables children to express their creativity in a fun way, whilst extending their learning about climate change and related topics’.**

Each school will select their 4 best entries. These entries will be displayed at **an ART EXHIBITION in the City Centre’s main Conference Hall, Coventry Central Hall, Methodist Church, Warwick Lane, CV1 2HA, from Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st of April, the second week of the school Easter Holidays.**

The 4 exhibited artists from each school will be invited (along with their parents, siblings and teachers) to an **Award Ceremony on International Earth Day, Saturday April 22nd** at Coventry Central Hall. All artists will be presented with a certificate by the **Lord Mayor**, who will then announce the two winning entries. There will then be a free lunch and celebratory event.

To register your schools interest and/or for more information email
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