

World Oceans Day

Global Citizenship Marine Environment

Activity



Introduction

World Oceans Day takes place every year on the 8th June. The event takes place to remind us of the major role the oceans have in everyday life. They are the lungs of our Planet, a major source of food and medicine and a critical part of the living world.

Check out Ocean Generation's Video '[Our Ocean](#)' to discover more about the importance of our oceans.

Why are the oceans important to you?

We all have feelings, thoughts and memories of the sea. In this activity, each student is given the opportunity to share one thing they like about the sea, or why they think it is important. This a talking and listening activity that involves the whole class.

The teacher should share their thoughts first. Examples include "I like going to the beach because I like rockpooling. I never know what creatures I'm going to find!", "I like the sea because it reminds me of my grandad taking me fishing", "I think the oceans are important because they make oxygen for us to breathe", or "I think the sea is important because my favourite dinner is fish and chips".

A nice addition to this activity is to play wave sounds as background music or passing a beach ball from student to student signifying whose turn it is to talk.

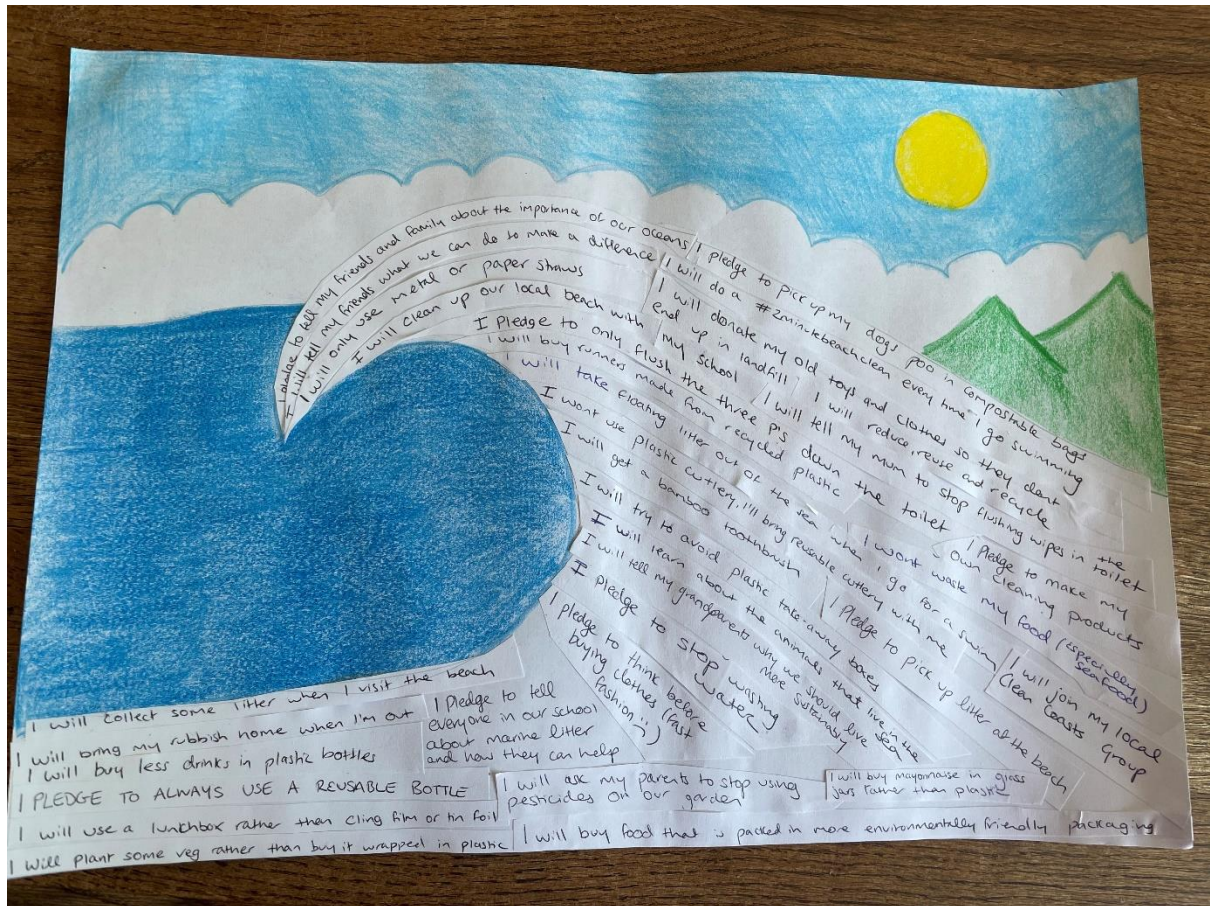
Classroom Ocean Pledge

This pledge is a way for you and your class to commit to take action to protect our oceans. This commitment states a clear promise of your intended actions. You could take action to reduce plastic pollution, to create awareness or to reduce your carbon footprint. You can think of ways to protect the oceans when at home, at school, or out and about.

What you need:

- Two pieces of white paper (A3 or larger)
- Glue
- Pens

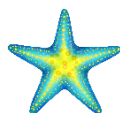
Draw a wave on a sheet of paper. You can use the template provided in appendix one if you prefer not to draw freehand). Cut out the wave shape. Trace around this wave on a second sheet of paper, and place second sheet to the side. Cut the wave into strips, ideally cut into 30 strips to allow for 30 students pledges (adjust to your class size). Ask each student to write down their ocean pledge on the strip of paper provided. Stick all strips back onto the second sheet of paper, and draw the surrounding items (clouds, sea, sun, mountains etc.) (see picture below).



Make your pledge as colourful and eye catching as possible! Display your pledges somewhere visible in the school – perhaps on your classroom door or on the Green-Schools Noticeboard. Seeing the pledge every day will hold you accountable to your commitment!

Remember, all our small actions turn into big actions when we work together!

Happy World Oceans Day!



Appendix One

