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Millie McCarthy is a complete catastrophy

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accompany the Green-Schools
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Global Goal 13: Climate Action



This resource is designed to inspire your classroom with engaging activities that support critical thinking and meaningful discussions centred around the Global Goal of 'Climate Action'.

Age Group: 3rd - 6th Class

Resource List

- Millie McCarthy Discussion Questions
- Draw for Millie Activity
- Millie Activity Pack - Gill Publishers

Global Goal Book Club and Global Goal 13: Climate Action

Teaching children about Global Goal 13: Climate Action helps children to understand and be aware of our responsibility towards the environment. By understanding the impacts of climate change, children can develop habits and attitudes that contribute to a sustainable future. Our selected books offer engaging narratives and illustrations that bring the concept of climate action to life. "Greta and the Giants" highlights the power of youth activism. "Save the Arctic" emphasises the importance of preserving delicate ecosystems. "Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth" instils a sense of wonder and stewardship for our planet. "The Mess That We Made" illustrates the consequences of pollution and the importance of collective action. Lastly, "David Attenborough – Little People, Big Dreams" inspires children by showcasing a life dedicated to environmental protection. These stories educate and empower young people to take action for a healthier planet.

We would love to see pictures of your bookworms artwork and creations from the activities in our Global Goals Book Club. Please email any photos to globalcitizenship@eeu.an.taisce.org



Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe

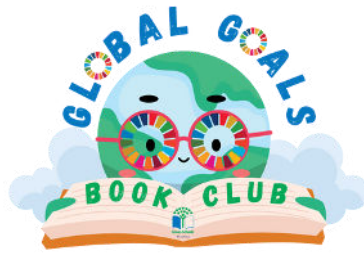


Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe

Read or listen to the book 'Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe' by Leona Forde with your class. The questions below offer a guide for discussion with your class, along with some actions and activities to complete.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Millie McCarthy's behaviour impact her surroundings and the environment? Can you find examples where her actions have positive or negative effects?
2. When Millie encounters a problem, does she think about how her solution might affect the environment? How could she consider climate action in her decisions?
3. Are there any moments in the story where Millie learns about the importance of taking care of the environment? What does she learn and how does it change her actions?
4. Do any of the other characters in the book talk about climate change or taking care of the environment? What do they say and how does Millie respond?
5. Think about a "catastrophe" caused by Millie. How could she have handled it differently to be more environmentally friendly?
6. How do the events in the story connect to the idea of climate action? Can you identify any parts of the story that highlight the importance of protecting our planet?
7. How can you apply what Millie learns about taking care of the environment to your own life? Can you think of any actions you can take at home or school to help fight climate change?
8. Imagine Millie has another chance to create a school project about climate action. What ideas could she come up with to help her classmates understand the importance of taking care of the environment?
9. If Millie were to set a goal for reducing her environmental footprint, what steps could she take? How can she inspire others to join her in taking climate action?
10. As a class, discuss some of the "catastrophes" Millie faces. What could she and her friends do to help mitigate these problems in a way that supports climate action?
11. Do you think it's important for stories like Millie's to include messages about climate action? Why or why not?
12. Pretend you are Millie's friend giving her advice on how to be more environmentally conscious. What tips would you give her?



Draw for Millie!

Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe by Leona Forde

Summary of book

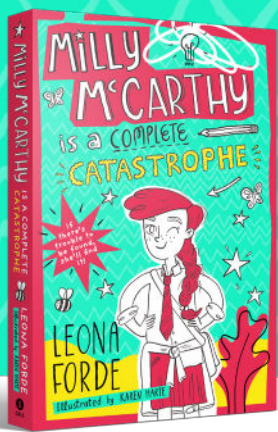
Milly's class has won an All-Ireland Climate Action competition and are in with a chance of earning a coveted Green Flag award for their school. Best of all is the prize: a private tour of Fota Wildlife Park! Sure, what could possibly go wrong?

But from the moment Milly and her friends arrive, chaos and calamity ensue – and of course, Milly is totally not to blame for the butterfly breakout, the giraffe drama or the unfortunate incident on Monkey Island ...

Could the school lose their Green Flag before it even arrives?

Activity - Help Millie Achieve her Green-Flag

1. Read 'Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe' if you have time in your class, alternatively read the short summary above, or if you have a student that has read the book, it could be nice to ask them to share their thoughts on the book with your class.
2. Reflect on the book Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe with your students - what did they think? Like your students, Millie is determined to achieve her Green-Flag and take action on Climate Change (Global Goal 13)
3. Ask your students two questions: **"Is there anything Millie's class were doing to achieve their flag that you are doing in your school?"** and **"If you could help Millie to achieve her Flag, what would you do?"**
4. Invite your students to draw a poster showing the 'perfect school' that they would help Millie to achieve. The school should be committed to environmental sustainability and will make sure that Millie and her friends will achieve their Green Flag! Make sure to showcase which of the Global Goals that they will be taking action on too (it doesn't have to be just Climate Action, for example if their perfect school involves holding swap shops, they can highlight Global Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production etc.)!
5. Please email photos of completed artwork to shughes@eeu.antaisce.org



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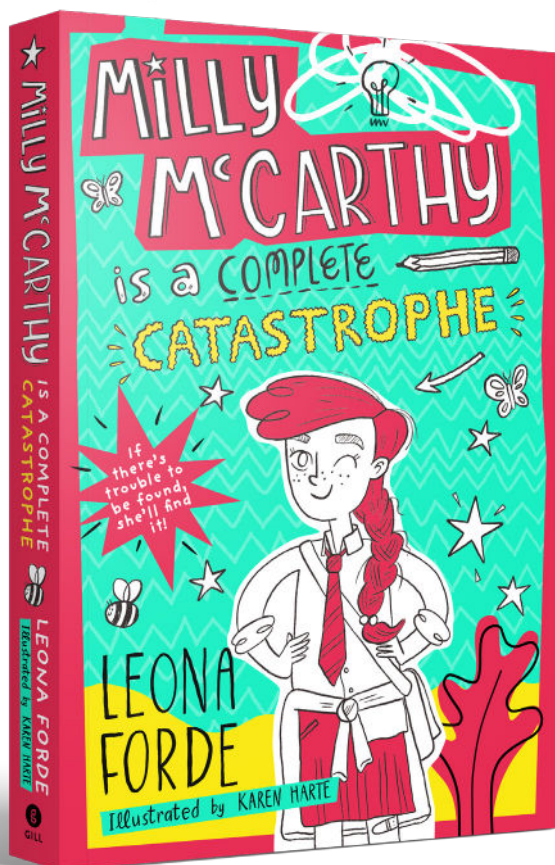
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Hiya, it's Milly! Múinteoir Emer is always giving us fun things to do in school to help us learn. Now you can follow along with me!

These fun activities have been designed for children aged 8+ to complete in the classroom or at home.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Milly McCarthy is a ten-year-old girl from Cork – fun-loving, excitable and full of ideas that she simply has to try. Sure, what could possibly go wrong?!

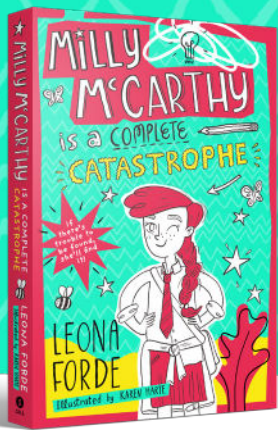
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The first book in a totally brilliant, new middle-grade series!

For more info on Milly, please contact
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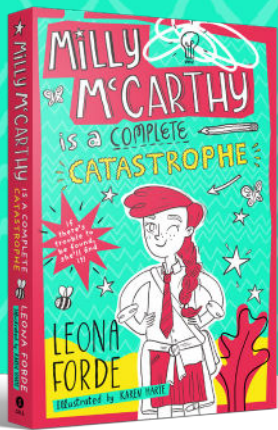


LEONA FORDE was born in Cork and is a proud rebel like Milly. She studied English and History at University College Cork and now teaches the same subjects to teenagers. She is Mammy to four crazy kids and owner of two rowdy rabbits and a house that is never, ever tidy. The Milly McCarthy series was inspired by her daughter Asha (another rebel!) who may or may not have once accidentally plucked a peacock at a certain wildlife park. When she is not reading, writing or chasing the rabbits, Leona likes to crochet, craft and drink coffee, often all at the same time. Sure what could possibly go wrong?

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

KAREN HARTE loves drawing and designing. When she was little, someone asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up and she said an artist, a vet or a comedian. Now she gets paid for her drawings, she looks after her two cats when they're sick and her son Noah thinks she is HILARIOUS. So dreams can come true!





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ANIMAL FACT FILE

Before my class went to Fota Wildlife Park, we chose our favourite animal and filled in a pure fancy profile to learn more about them (find mine on page 78 of the book). Draw in your favourite animal and fill in the blanks here!

Write your animal here!

Type (circle one): Mammal Bird Reptile

Fish Other:

Where it lives:

What it eats:

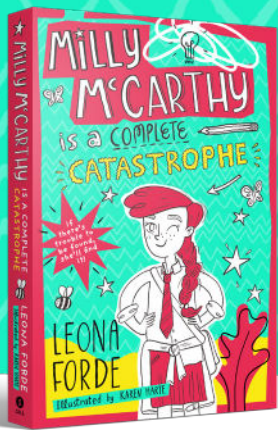
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Your animal

Draw your animal



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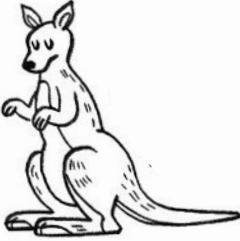
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ANIMAL QUIZ

The guides at Fota Wildlife Park know EVERYTHING about animals! I tried to remember what they told us, but I forgot lots of it. Can you help me fill in the things I missed on my animal quiz?

1. In what country would you find native kangaroos and koalas?

Australia Brazil
Japan Kenya



2. Which animal is NOT native to Ireland?

Otter Hedgehog
Red fox Brown bear

3. What do butterflies begin their lives as?

Tadpoles Worms
Caterpillars Puppies

4. Ants live in every continent except...

Europe Antarctica
Asia South America

Match the species with their group name:

Meerkats	A kaleidoscope
Lions	A pandemonium
Parrots	A crash
Butterflies	A mob
Rhinoceroses	A pride

Answers on page 9!



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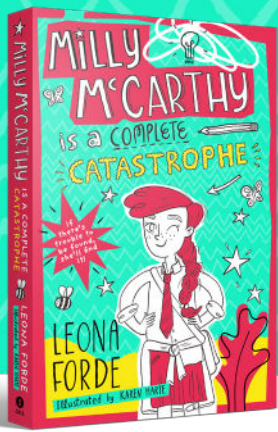
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ALL ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

My class had to come up with LOTS of ideas for saving the environment (see what we came up with in Chapter 5). I'm glad we chose to plant the wildflower meadow because it gives the bees and butterflies a place to visit, which is totally brilliant for the planet.

What ideas do YOU have for helping the earth? Write them here!





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THE ENVIRONMENT: TRUE OR FALSE?

Múinteoir Emer is always blowing our minds with totally wild facts about the environment. Write in TRUE or FALSE for each of the facts below!

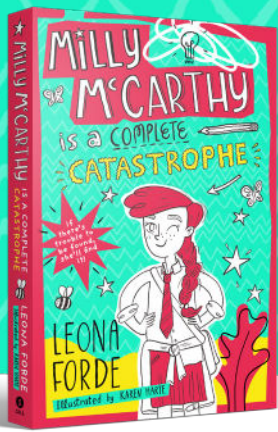
1. Styrofoam cups take 500 years to decompose.

2. Earth Day is on 22 April.

3. 50% of our planet is water.

4. The earth is home to over 2 million animal species.

Answers on page 9!



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IRISH LESSON



Scoil Eoin is a Gaelscoil, so most of our lessons are taught in Irish. Thankfully, we can speak English too, but Múinteoir Emer likes when we try our best to speak as gaeilge. Here are the things we hear every day in class!



Gaelige

LÁMHA SUAS!

Éist!

ANSEO!

Ciúnas!

THAR BARR!

Corcaigh abú!

English

Hands up!

Listen!

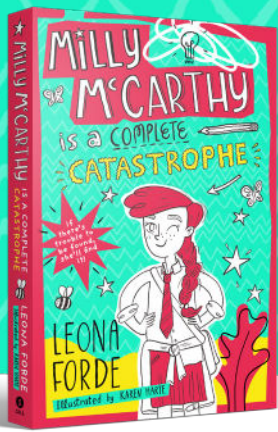
Here!

Quiet!

Excellent!

GO CORK!

(Sure, I'm only weak for Cork, but you can put your own county name in!)



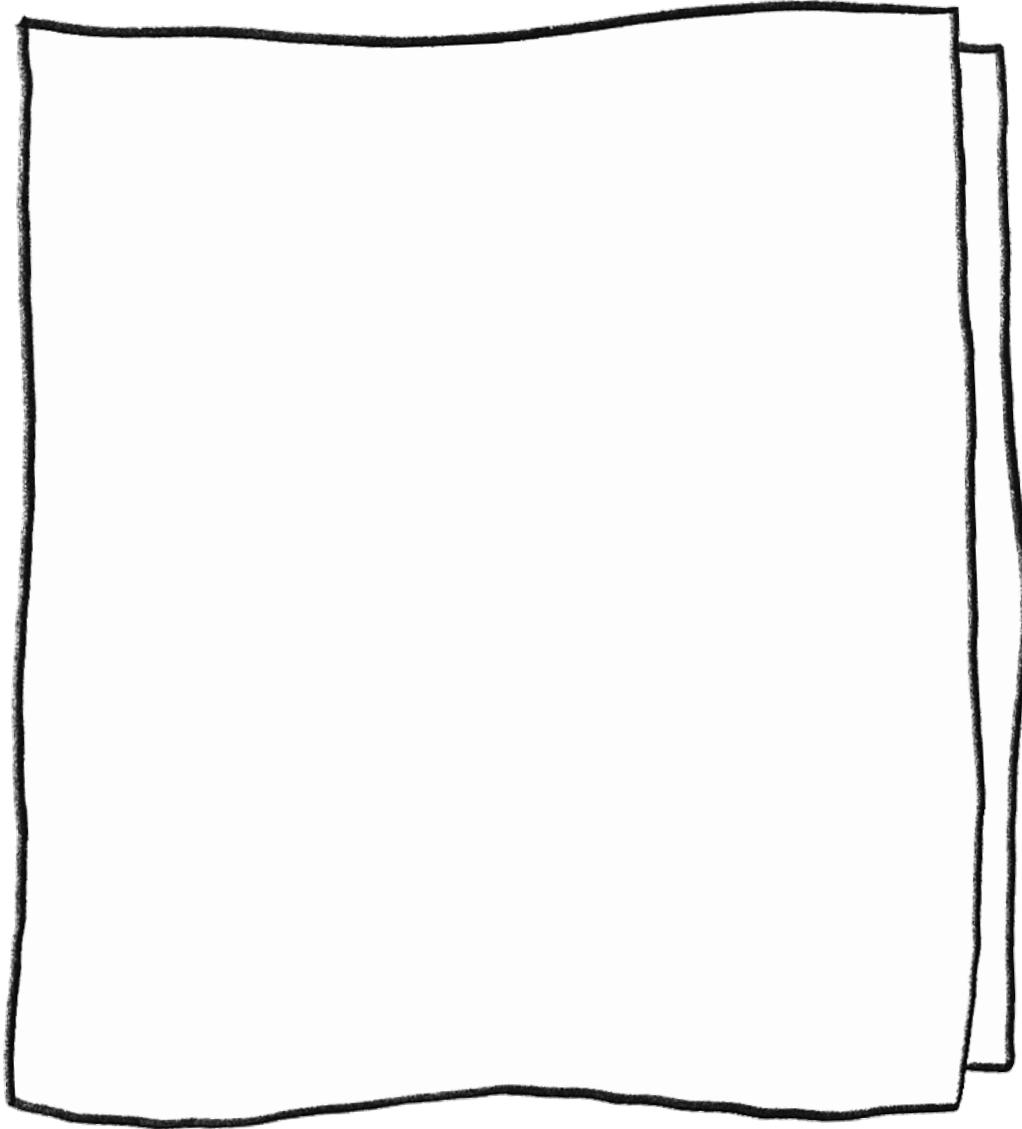
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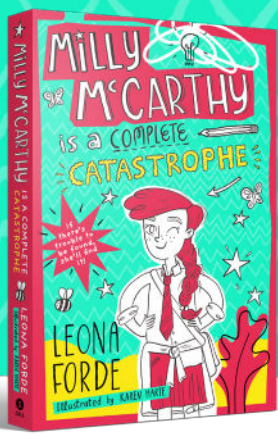
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CREATIVE CORNER

What kind of wildflowers would YOU want to see growing in a meadow? Draw them here and colour them in.





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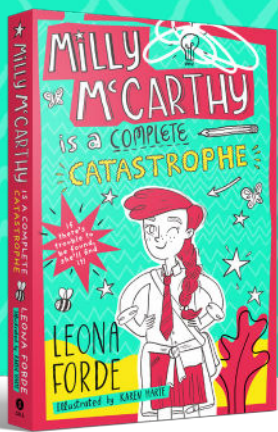
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Sometimes Múinteoir Emer gives us a word search when we learn new vocabulary. This time I made my own with all my FAVOURITE words and things! Look up, down and diagonally for all eight words.

Brilliant • Milly • Tayto • Catastrophe • Raging • Totally • Lasagne • Rebel

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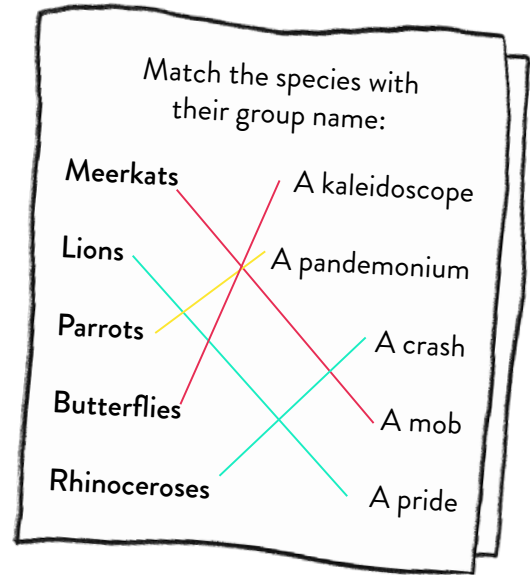
ANSWER KEY

ANIMAL QUIZ:

1. Australia
2. Brown bear
3. Caterpillars
4. Antarctica (they should call it NO-Ant-arctica!)

ENVIRONMENT QUIZ:

1. True. Turns out the planet is ALLERGIC to styrofoam!
2. True. Plan a planet party with your pals!
3. False. 71% of the Earth is water!
4. True! I wonder how many live in Cork?



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Thanks for helping me out!

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