

## - Our litter research exercise - It's not all rubbish!



In June, Eco Committee members went on a litter picking research mission to find out how our bins are being used. We have some work to do on what goes where, but generally students are making use of the bins. ↓

### Watling's first MK Youth Cabinet member

Congratulations to Khadija-Rehman Memon who was successfully elected to Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet (MKYCAB) and is currently working within the Plastic Pollution action group. Good luck Khadija!



### Reusing and recycling

Our Art and DT departments have need of the following resources. If you are able to help please bring them to Ms Piper:

- Bottle tops from water bottles or soft drinks.
- Magazines for montaging.
- Old socks nearing the end of their lives (clean please!)
- Soft wood and plywood offcuts.

### What goes in which bin?

It's all about the colour of the bag! If it's paper, card, aluminium or stiff plastic - PET or HDPE (check the labelling) - e.g. plastic bottles it can be recycled and goes in the bin with the **CLEAR** bag.

If it's food waste, crisp packets, thin plastic film, foamy plastic, broken rulers or set squares, pens or anything else, it needs to go into the bin with the **BLACK** bag. If there's no bag within - don't put it in!

In Art Club this term, members have produced some thoughtful posters to help highlight the problem of overflowing bins in MK Parks. In Art lessons, we have been looking at the issues around the increasing amounts of single use plastic used in food packaging. We have researched and created packaging nets, designed and built some 3D boxes and even made our own paper by recycling previously used paper.



At the start of the year, in Geography, we worked on a project about how environmentally friendly we are at Watling. We discovered that one of our strengths was the number of students cycling or walking to school - minimising the carbon emissions caused by petrol or diesel vehicles dropping off and collecting students. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to walk or cycle to school.

In DT Textiles, we have been learning how to upcycle - using old socks to make characterful, new sock monkey toys.

Well done and good luck to Alicea Stears and Inayah Khan who have both got through to the international round of the 'Re-Pack to Restore Our World' food packaging design competition, run by the British International Education Association. They are due to meet the judges of the competition next week!

