

## Hilton of Cadboll PS 13 June 2006

Toni, Beach Guardian spent about 5-10 mins talking with the children in their classroom explaining what they were going to do and the need for the children to follow the safety rules. The class had been studying the Sea as a topic all year, and working with an artist who was based at the school for this summer term and had done quite a lot of sea related art work which was in the corridor.

The stretch of beach we cleared from was that immediately in front of the Hall. The tide was low and coming in, so there was a wide expanse of rocky inter-tidal area exposed, the pebbly shore and large boulders of low break water.

An area about 75m long was marked off as the zone the children could work in. The children split into groups collecting - cans, plastic, metal, glass and "treasures" for the Beach Guardians exhibition.

There was not a large amount of litter the items most commonly found were plastic bottles, crisp packets and sweet wrappers. Very little glass was found; quite a few cans and salvage metal. Some of the more unusual items found were a TV aerial and a small plastic boat (which one of the children decided to take home). Collecting the "treasures" was a popular activity but restricted due to the amount that would fit in a shoe box. The litter pickers were popular too.

The rubbish was left at the pre-arranged place with the Council and was collected the following day.

The teacher will complete the quiz with the class, give out 2 tee-shirts as prizes. The school are keen to be involved in the Beach Guardians programme and are looking forward to the exhibition arriving at the school shortly.



A bright blue day for a beach clean