

## Portknockie PS 7 June 2006

The school had arranged for Toni, Beach Guardian to come along to the school and had completed a risk assessment prior to the visit. Toni discussed with the pupils what they were going to be doing at the school before handing out some equipment to use whilst out cleaning the beach - litter pickers were the essential item to have!!!

The class was divided into 4 groups with an adult supervisor. Toni and the participants walked down to the south end of Cullen beach. The children designated an area near the end of the beach as their den where anyone would go if they had a problem.

The four groups collected different types of litter - plastic, glass, tins and the other group looked for natural items for the Beach Guardians exhibition drawers.

Most of the litter was found in the large boulders of the breakwater. During the 45 minute beach clean the children organised themselves very well and the group collecting plastics collected 3 bags, the group collecting glass collected 3 plastic buckets and those collecting tin filled 2 black bags. Some of the more unusual items found were a garden ornament, a shoe and part of a TV.

Moray Council had arranged to collect the litter the following day from a pre arranged collection point.

Back in the classroom the day ended with a classroom discussion on "what would happen to the litter next". Toni also left a quiz sheet with the teacher for the children to complete over the coming weeks.



Inspecting a wee jellyfish