

Visit to Cluny Primary School Eco-School Children's Conference May 2006



This lively and very "hands-on" day of Eco-events was attended by the Eco-committees of these Moray Primary Schools:

- Cluny, Buckie
- Cullen
- Findochty
- Millbank, Buckie
- Portgordon
- Portknockie

This event was organised by Claire Wood of Cluny Primary School and helped by Laura Taylor, Moray Council Waste Education officer.

In the **morning** each school Eco-group gave presentations to everyone there on what they were doing towards their Eco-school awards.

In the **afternoon** several outside organisations put on workshops explaining how they could help the schools work towards their Eco-school status.

The subjects/organisations represented included:


- Waste Watchers recycling
- Energy Efficiency
- Health Promotions NHS Grampian
- Walk To School Co-ordinator for Moray
- Gardening - what, how and where to grow
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Beach Guardians

Each workshop had about 10 minutes with 8 groups of 5 -8 children, made up of a mix of pupils from all the schools present. The Beach Guardians workshop gave the children a chance to delve into the box of equipment used at a beach clean. The children were encouraged to handle everything and try to work out what each item might be used for.

The groups discussed why beach litter is an important topic and then tried various activities - including:

- **"Pick the better litter picker"**!
- Why we need the equipment we use
- The Beach Guardian's **"Fun things to do"** quiz sheets were popular and either taken by staff for using later or given to the children at the end of the day to do in their own time.
- Several schools showed an interest in **arranging a beach clean**.
- **Writing their pledge** as to how they could help keep their beach clean - these were put up on a wall throughout the day.
- Writing a line each of a Poem **"The Cleany-Cluny Beach Eco Poem"**
- Adding to a **composite drawing** something that either should or should NOT have been on the beach
- Matching items of **beach litter** to the number of years they take to **break down**
- General chat about beach litter and any **hazards** it might cause to humans and wildlife

The best pledges were:

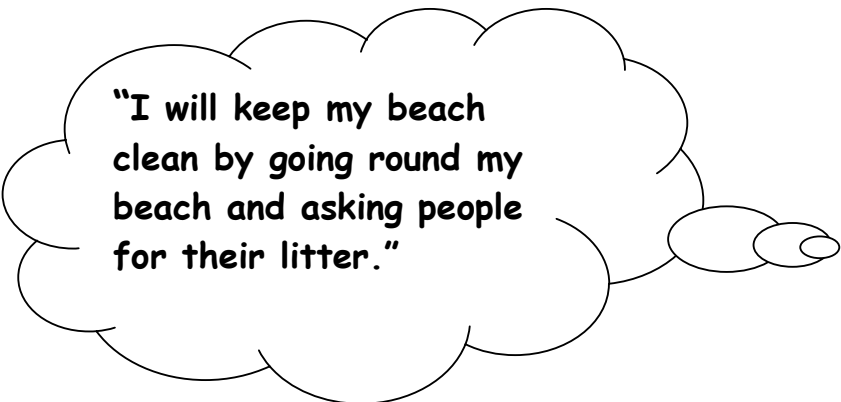


"Start a beach clean up with my friends, so more people can enjoy going there!"

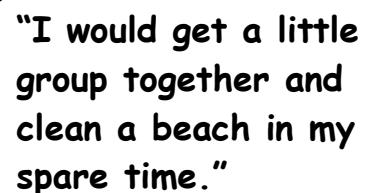
Erin, P5 Findochty PS

Amy, P7 Millbank Primary School

Georgia, P5/6R Cluny Primary School



"I will keep my beach clean by going round my beach and asking people for their litter."



"I would get a little group together and clean a beach in my spare time."