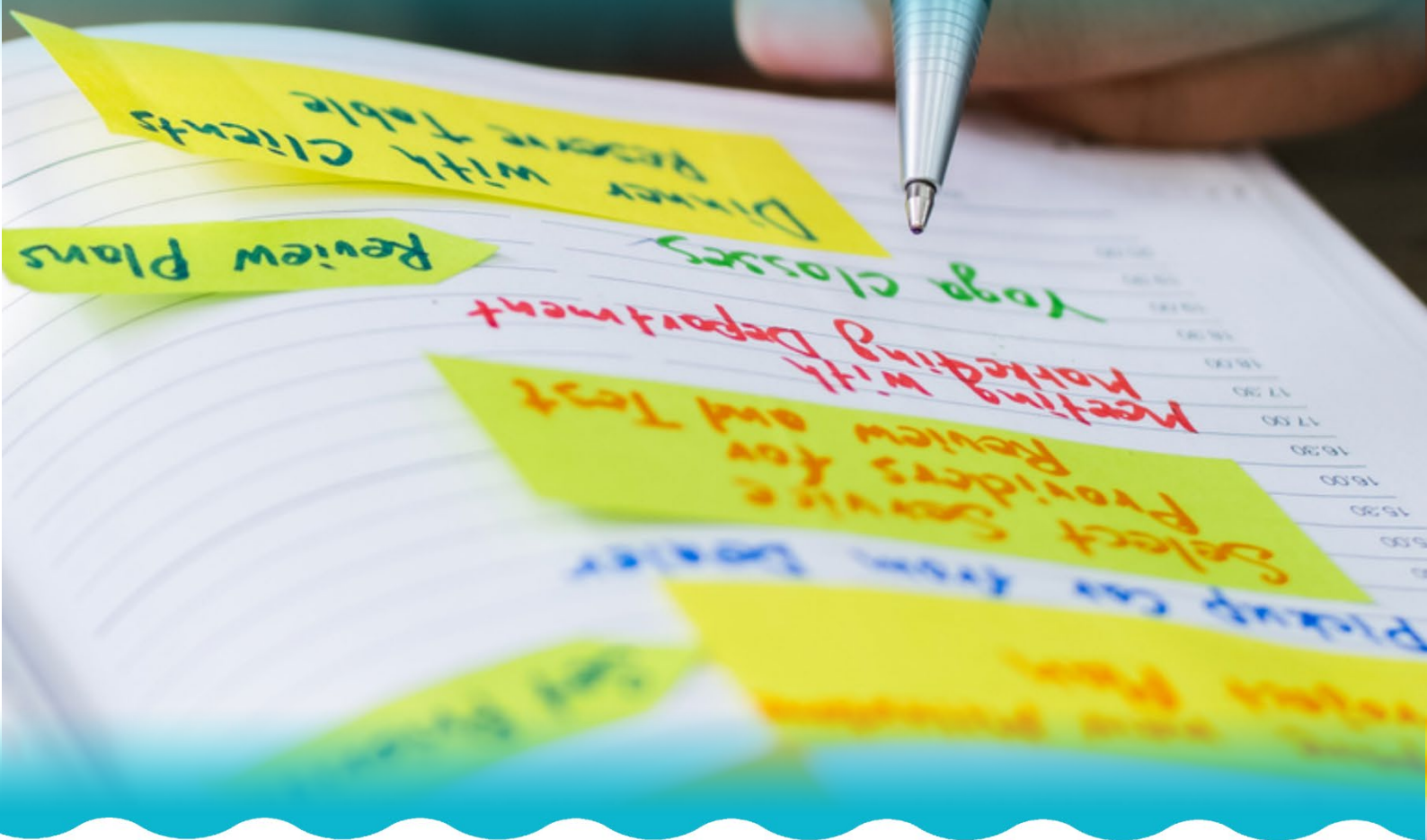


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Organise A Clean Up



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Organise a #bethewave Clean-Up

Although we want to concentrate on stopping people littering in the first place, a clean-up event can be a great way of being visible in the community and enjoying the outdoors. It can also be a useful way of investigating litter issues, collecting evidence towards a campaign and evaluating whether a campaign you are involved in is working.

Remember - Every piece of rubbish collected means less waste ends up in the ocean.

Being involved in a clean-up brings many benefits to young people, not only are they fun and rewarding, but they also offer an opportunity to make a difference to their local area and the world they live in. Litter picking can also help with mental health and well-being by keeping active and connecting with one another as well as raising environmental awareness. It's a great way to help your school or group reach its sustainability goals and takes advantage of outdoor spaces for learning. By improving their local environment, young people will develop a sense of social responsibility and awareness of how to take personal action.

Linking to the School Curriculum

Organising and promoting a clean-up as well as collecting and evaluating data, are all skills that can link to the school curriculum.

It's a great opportunity to run an innovative cross curriculum project. For example, pupils could start by gaining subject knowledge in geography, survey techniques could be written and evaluated in science, data presented in IT and data analysed in maths. The project could then culminate with a discussion and debate on societal behaviour and how political movement could make a positive change to our environment. Leading to development of skills highlighted in the literacy and numeracy framework and the digital competency framework. Alongside this, students will develop aspects of all 4 of the core purposes.



Things to Remember

You will need the right equipment to help you successfully and safely complete a clean-up. Items such as high-visibility jackets or tabards will allow your pupils to be easily seen and help the group feel like a team, suitable footwear and of course litter picks, hoops and bags.

Consider the risks, safety is the most important thing to consider when planning a clean-up. If you're planning to pick outside your school grounds you should visit the site and carry out a full risk assessment before you start.

Before your clean-up, make sure pupils understand which items are potentially dangerous and should not be picked up in any circumstances (broken glass, drug-related litter, biohazards, etc). Teach pupils that if they are in any doubt, they should ask a teacher before picking the litter up.

Who Can Help?

Environmental organisations such as [Keep Wales Tidy](#), the [Marine Conservation Society](#) and [Surfers Against Sewage](#) all have excellent information and advise on their websites to help plan, organise and promote clean up events. Here you will also find invitations to attend a variety of national litter picking events as well as links to local organisations and group activities.

Keep Wales Tidy offers support and guidance for groups and individuals to carry out clean up events, working with a number of partners to do this sustainably. Take a look at the useful information on the [Community Action page](#) which also includes locations of litter picking hubs where equipment can be borrowed to run an event as well as guidance on what to do and how to run an event safely. Specifically for schools there is the [Great Big School Clean](#) resource.

The Marine Conservation Society have [secondary school resources](#) to support learning around marine litter issues and offer a lot of information in their [fun and learning section](#).

Surfers Against Sewage have information on [running clean ups](#) and even suggest [mini beach cleans](#) if that is easier for your school to manage.

Remember actions don't have to take too much time. [The 2 Minute Foundation](#) promotes cleaning up our planet 2 minutes at a time. Watch the video where you are encouraged to take part in a [2-minute beach clean every](#) time you visit a beach.



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