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Dear Parents and Carers,

Beaumont is taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

This March, thousands of people from across the country are joining the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – Beaumont included! We would love for your household to take part. By counting every piece of plastic packaging you throw away in a week, you'll help pressure the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.



Plastic is essential for many people to live safely and independently. But walk into any supermarket and you'll see the scale of the problem right there on the shelves: almost all of our food and household products are wrapped in plastic. How can we recycle our way out of the problem when too much plastic is being produced in the first place? In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't even recycled. Most of it is burned in the UK and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill – all of which harms people and the planet. Since the last count, the UK has elected a new government – one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

How to take part

1. Students will be provided with a count sheet from their form tutors this Thursday 5th March. Stick this somewhere noticeable in your house, like on your fridge and tell everyone at home you are counting plastic packaging to ensure everyone gets involved.
2. Between Monday 9th and Sunday 15th March count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away in your bin or recycling bin, where you are at home, school or on the go. Your Count Sheet includes categories for different types of plastic. This means The Big Plastic Count team can figure out what happens to your plastic after you bin it. For help with categorising, and to see the things you don't need to count, head to: thebigplasticcount.com/plastic-id
3. On your students google classroom page there will be a link to a site to input their results at the end of the week. This is so as a school we can see the results for each class, and can award house points for every student that gets involved.

With your help, this will help students to get involved in creating a fairer future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

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Certified Carbon Literate

