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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lawnside 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 – Lawnside included! We'd 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 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** Stick your Count Sheet somewhere noticeable – like the fridge
- 2** Tell everyone at home that you're counting plastic packaging and make sure they do, too.
- 3** Between **9-15 March**, count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away – whether you're at home, at 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

Once your household has completed the investigation, your child can record your results at home and bring the Count Sheet to school by 20th March to submit their results in class.

With your help, we'll create a fairer future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

Best wishes,

Mrs Salvatore

Science lead teacher