



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

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INTRODUCING EARTH DAY

Kathy Allan, Senior RRSA Professional Adviser, introduces Earth Day



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Earth Day

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22 to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet.

Since 1970, Earth Day has brought together people, governments and companies from around the world, supporting them to do something positive for the environment.

It promotes the fact that 'change starts with action' and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us.



LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES

Many articles of the CRC relate to this week's theme but the activities link, in particular, to the following articles:

Article 6 (life survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

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HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT





EXPLORING EARTH DAY

What do you, your school and your family do that helps the environment and the planet?

Think, Pair, Share



EXPLORING EARTH DAY

Did you think of these?

- Reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Litter picking.
- Buy local to reduce food miles.
- Eat less meat and dairy produce.
- Turn off lights, TV etc when not in use.
- Walk to school.
- Donate clothes and toys that are still in good condition.
- Use a 'bag for life'.
- Don't waste water.
- Use a reusable water bottle.
- Plant trees in the school grounds.
- Help wildlife.
- Write to decision makers such as MPs or companies to ask them to protect the environment.

What else did you think of?





REFLECTION

Take a few minutes and find some space to be quiet and to think... If you can, go outside, look out of a window or put some images of earth and the environment on a screen...

- Why is our planet special to you? What do you value most about the environment?
- How can upholding everyone's rights help protect the planet?
- How will you celebrate Earth Day this year?
- How can you encourage positive environmental action with friends, neighbours and family members?



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