

# WAR ON WASTE

## Inter-class Competition

*Will you join the mission?*

This exciting competition has been launched to not only encourage and celebrate waste reduction in schools across the borough, but to also ensure that the 3Rs (reducing, re-using and recycling our waste) are embedded in the day-to-day ethos of Haringey schools. This pack will see classes competing against each other on a week-by-week basis to become Waste Warrior Champions!

### Why is it so important to reduce, re-use and recycle?

Non-recyclable rubbish from our waste bins is either buried in a landfill site or burned to produce electricity; both of these disposal methods are damaging to our environment and a waste of valuable resources.

Fortunately there are things that we can do about this problem and we call these the 3Rs. Not only are they better for our environment, but by reducing and re-using at school you could also save money.

### What is included in this pack?

This competition pack comprises a briefing document which explains the competition and a monitoring sheet to record the amount of waste produced at school. We have also included a certificate which has space for you to write the winning class' name and the date.



# Teachers' Briefing

## What is involved?

1. Ask your eco-team (or school council) to deliver a whole school assembly to explain the 3Rs, their importance and the competition, or if you'd prefer, we could do it for you!
2. Before you start the competition you must ensure the waste bins (non-recyclable rubbish) in all classrooms are empty. Working in pairs and using the monitoring sheets, your eco-team should record the amount in the waste bins **daily** for each class. The cleaners should only empty the bins **after** the eco-team has completed the daily monitoring sheets; you will then have an accurate picture of the waste from each class.
3. At the end of the week the eco-team should work out the total for each classroom; the class which produces the least waste wins. A **class cannot win** if they have recyclables in their waste bin.
4. Reward the winning class with a certificate during assembly at the end of the week. You could also set up a league table of classes to see which one is consistently reducing, re-using and recycling. You could even have a trophy for the winning class at the end of each half term!
5. Remember to encourage those classes who produce a lot of non-recyclable waste to reduce, re-use and recycle as much as possible week-by-week.

## Why is it important to monitor non-recyclable waste and not recycling?

By monitoring the non-recyclable waste bins, you will get an accurate picture of how much a class reduces, re-uses and recycles. If you only monitor the amount in the recycling bin, classes may not be reducing and re-using; two key components of waste minimisation.

## Where can I get help?

If you have any questions about the competition, would like advice or more classroom recycling boxes to help your school on the mission to reduce, re-use and recycle; please contact the education team through the Haringey Veolia Contact Centre on **020 8885 7700** or email **education.haringey@veolia.co.uk**

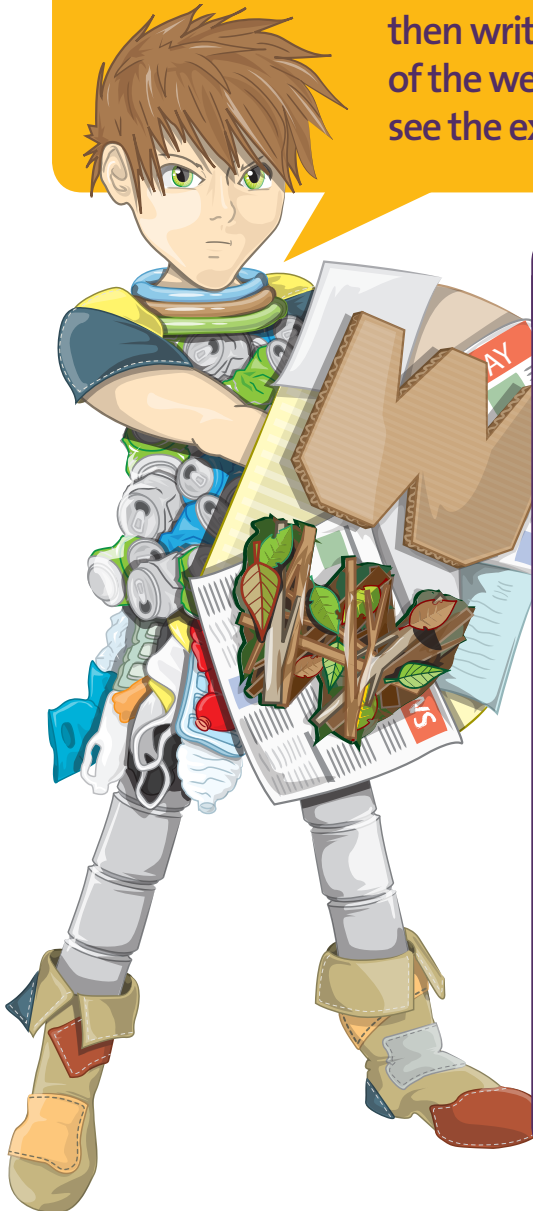


# Monitoring Sheet

In pairs, use this worksheet to record the amount of rubbish produced by each class. Write the name of every class in the blue boxes at the top of the table and then write how full their waste bin is for different days of the week. At the end of the week add the daily amounts together and write it in the total boxes, see the example on the right.

EXAMPLE:

| Class        |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
|              | 1A                   |
| Monday       | $\frac{1}{4}$        |
| Tuesday      | $\frac{1}{4}$        |
| Wednesday    | $\frac{1}{4}$        |
| Thursday     | $\frac{1}{4}$        |
| Friday       | $\frac{1}{2}$        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ BINS |



| Class        |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday       |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  |  |  |  |  |

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## WINNER

Presented to:

Class:

...for their commitment to  
fighting waste at school

Date:

