

A day to make a difference.

Assisting to make the Pembroke National Park cleaner.

On the 6th of March 2017, our class accompanied by the class of 2.3, went to the Pembroke national park. The purpose of this outing was to help clean up and to help keep the Pembroke national park tidy and clean.

The man who guided us through the outing was also a member of the 'Nature Trust'. Before we started cleaning up the park he told us to try and prevent stomping on the grass, flowers and any type of nests to not continue to harm the environment. When I looked around I saw just another beautiful clean view but when I got a closer look my perspective on the place changed drastically. During our clean-up we found many items such as: plastic bottles, metal cans, syringes, cigarettes, lighters and other personal items. We helped out the 'Nature Trust' by picking up these items with pickers and plastic gloves and threw or recycled them. We used the pickers and plastic gloves to help be as sanitary as possible.

The man from the 'Nature Trust' also told us that altogether there had been ten clean ups in total at the Pembroke national park and that the 'Local Council' goes there every Monday to do a clean-up at the Pembroke national park. Our two classes were split into four teams so that we could cover all the ground to clean up the Pembroke national park as well as we could. The 'Local Council' has spent a lot of money on the appliances that we used such as the pickers, plastic bags and plastic gloves. This money was used on these items to clean up after the messes that the people have made instead of it being used on refurnishing and redecorating the park.

From this experience the students that took part in this outing realized that even though people are aware of the environment they still litter because they expect people like us to pick it up. I have realized that it is not fair to litter for other people and upcoming generations and that it is much easier to prevent the clean ups by just throwing things away in trash cans and recycle bins.