

## Eco-Council News - Summer 2024

### World Earth Day – April 2024



Making marine creatures from a plastic bottle.




Making clothes and fashion accessories from recycling and participating in a year group fashion show.



We dressed up in costumes made from recycled materials and raised money for WWF UK.

**JustGiving** Menu Q



**Oakfield Primary**  
**Oakfield's fundraiser for WWF-UK**  
Fundraising for WWF-UK

**101%** raised of **£100** target by **38** supporters

## Zero Waste Suggestions



### How to pack a zero waste lunchbox.

Have you ever thought about the environmental impact of your child's lunchbox?

**DID YOU KNOW?** A packed lunch every weekday during term time, containing a packet of crisps, a snack bar and a sandwich wrapped in clingfilm, produces around **585** items of single use, often non-recyclable plastic in just a year!

Making your own lunch is a great step towards reducing overall waste; here are some tips from the Eco Council to help you pack a zero waste lunchbox-

1. Before buying a new lunchbox, think about what you already have in your house that you could use such as a Tupperware container that can be washed up and reused multiple times.
2. If you need to wrap up snacks, try a sealable container or wrapping them in aluminium foil or reusable food wrap (beeswax wraps are great!). Foil can be wiped off and used again, then recycled in your Basildon white reusable sack.
3. Making a sandwich? Put them straight in the lunchbox instead of wrapping them in foil or film.
4. Instead of bagged fruit, which not pop a few grapes and a sliced apple into a small pot?
5. Buy a large packet of crisps and fill a reusable container with a few crisps each day.
6. Many yogurt tubes aren't recyclable. Try buying a large pot of yogurt and decanting some of it into a small container. You can reuse the pot for glue or paint, or as a flowerpot for seedlings. Choose products with a foil lid that can be recycled along with the pot. Make sure to pack a metal or other reusable spoon!
7. Buy a large packet of biscuits instead of individually packaged. Put a couple into an reusable container or wrap them in tin foil each day.

**The Eco Council hope these ideas are helpful and you try one or all of them!**