

Respecting the environment: some thoughts about it

Last 26th September, we, pupils of class I D, taking advantage from the action “Clean up the world”, organized by “*Lega ambiente*” (an Italian environmental association), together with our Literature teacher, spent some time thinking about the importance of the environment and its safeguard.

After reading a passage written by the Italian writer A. Todisco, concerning the bad habit of leaving rubbish in wonderful places, so that the beauty of the landscape is spoiled, we compared our personal habits about gathering garbage: our considerations made us recognize the importance of selecting rubbish, activity which has been carried on for years now in our towns, too.

Even if selecting rubbish requires some more attention and we citizens have to be more careful, at the same time this activity makes it possible to diminish the quantity of rubbish addressed to incinerators and dumps and to save environmental resources, through the following process of recycling.

These are some of our thoughts:

“Every time I have to throw some paper, mum tells me to throw it into the appropriate container, the same thing happens when I have to throw an empty plastic bottle away or a banana peel. Sometimes, I have to confess that I’m not happy when I have to select rubbish because it is easier and faster to throw everything into a single container, but then I think about the usefulness of this action, I think, for example, about the possibility of saving a tree and, therefore, I overcome all my doubts, sure that I’m contributing to save our Earth’s resources” (Monica)

“When I go back home I walk along a straight road , but there’s a small corner where I always see a small heap of garbage: tins, plastic bottles, paper....a supermarket of rubbish...!!!

And I think that only being a little bit more careful would be enough to keep our environment clean!!! (Eleonora).

“If everybody threw garbage onto the ground... what would it happen to the world? When we finish eating an ice-cream, a packet of crisps or any other food which is wrapped up in paper we mustn’t throw the wrapping onto the ground , but into a basket. When we finish drinking a soft drink which is contained in a glass bottle, we must throw the bottle into the appropriate container.

This way we can contribute to keep our neighbourhood, our town, Italy and the whole world clean” (Andrea).

“It is important to keep the environment clean. Respecting the environment means respecting ourselves” (Francesco).

“Nature offers wonderful sights , beautiful places where it is possible to spend relaxing and pleasant moments; nature is a treasure to safeguard and leave intact and uncontaminated to the ones who will come after us” (Rolando).

Then, our schoolmate Robert decided to give us some “simple good advices”:

*If you want to swim in a clean sea,
you mustn't throw chemical substances into it;*

*If you want to pic-nic on a green meadow,
you mustn't leave rubbish after that;*

*If you want to breath good air;
you must walk, not go by car;*

*If everybody respects the environment,
all people will live better.*

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