



# WATER, SOURCE OF OUR LIFE

During the week from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September in our school we performed a lot of activities related with the 2007 edition of "Clean up the world", according to the invitation we received from our Local Administration to "Clean up Pogliano".

This year, in particular, the Comenius Project "Friends of the Earth" offered us a very interesting topic of reflection and discussion: "Water, the source of our life"; we found out some readings in our anthology book and one of these was entitled "Letter to my daughter about the Earth" written by Antonio Canu, an Italian reporter interested in environmental education who is also the national responsible for the WWF oasis; in this letter Mr Canu talks about water.

Water is essential for our life: without water we couldn't exist, and the same would be for plants and animals. The percentage of water we can find in our body is 66% , in a jellyfish 95%, in some lettuce 94%, in a potato 91%, in a carrot 89% and so on. At the same time our common home, the Earth, is more than ever made of water, because oceans cover 70% of our planet! But only one third of the existing water is really available and a lot of people haven't got enough of it.



Opening a water tap to brush our teeth, to wash our hands or to have a bath is normal for us, quite mechanical, and we pay no attention to this act ; we usually don't think that water is the most precious good on the Planet, that's why we must avoid leaks and wastes, and it is essential to be a little more careful when we handle water. For example: having a shower is better than having a bath, we could close the tap when we're brushing our teeth or shaving, and we could even recycle the water in which we cooked pasta using it to wash dishes and so on.

We discussed a lot and we also decided to make some posters about these topics, but, in the end, all of us agreed about this:

**Water is critical for a sustainable development, including environmental safeguard and reduction of poverty and hunger, and it is essential to our health and well-being.**