



WAR ON WASTE EXPO FOR A CLEANER GREENER ENVIRONMENT

Die Bron Primary

On 27 February WCC presented the first in a series of Expos on the problem of waste in our environment. Groups of 90 Grade 4 & 5 learners, 60 Grade 6 & 7 and 50 Grade 3 learners attended.



The first group of 90 Grade 3 and 4 learners arrived early and eager for the start of the expo.



Fiona Matthes introduced the learners to environmentally friendly household products. They were fascinated by the loofah, derived from a gourd, which can be used instead of a plastic product.



Rob Fryer used a time line to illustrate the time it takes for various waste items to break down in nature. Spot the disposable nappies in the background.



The learners were fascinated to learn that when we throw things away there is no 'away'.

Sheraine van Wyk pointed out the consequences of discarded plastic in storm water systems.



She also showed how plastics never degrade, but break up into smaller and smaller fragments that are mistaken for food by marine organisms.



Shirley Mgoboza explained that cigarette butts do not biodegrade. On the contrary, they concentrate toxins that leach into the environment, especially waterways.



Denfred Bruintjies showed the learners videos illustrating the consequences of our wasteful society.



Anina Lee told a tale of Stripes the Eco-Cat's involvement in the rescue of Eubalena the baby whale from death by entanglement.

The expo on Waste is part of the Whale Coast Conservation anti-litter campaign 'Respect and Protect', funded by the National Lotteries Commission.