

Ink Bin Eco Heroes...

Introducing Joshua from South Wales



Joshua is six years old and lives in Rhiwbina which is in Cardiff

Like many of us, Joshua gets fed up with seeing the bad bits happening to our world. But, like a true Eco Hero, he is doing something about it! Well done Joshua!



“What is the point of having lots of money if there is no planet to live on?”

Joshua has always loved being outdoors and has been fascinated by nature from a very young age. He always used to spot woodlice and other insects when out and about but has noticed litter far more and this has had an impact upon him.

- Joshua loves-
- Building dens
 - Feeding the birds in his local park
 - Finding bugs in the ground
 - Helping his parents with the recycling
 - Playing Lego





Joshua has a stream near his house which is full of old plastic bottles and other litter. His family have just bought some litter grabbers and are excited to clear up the area and make the stream run clean and fresh again- reday for the whole community to enjoy!

Joshua is fascinated by programmes such as *Earth From Space* which has amazing visuals of the effects of climate change upon Planet Earth.

Joshua's biggest passion is sharing information on pollution of the oceans. He is deeply passionate that people should know about the effects of litter upon animals such as sea turtles.



Joshua's Mum said...

"I'm so inspired by the likes of Greta Thunberg and other young people and obviously Joshua himself. I just feel so sad that kids should even have to worry about these situations that us grown ups should be dealing with, that I wanted to give him the best chance of his voice to be heard and show him that you are never too little to make a difference."

Joshua recommends-

The episode of *Go Jettors* where they investigate the effects of wet wipes in the sewers

The Episode of *Octonauts* where the pelicans face trouble from ocean plastics

The Ink Bin's Choice



Lego Eco Hero

Like most of us, Joshua loves Lego! He plays with it for hours and enjoys new sets that he can build from plan. But Joshua is a bit fed up with the plastic rubbish that comes with the reusable toy.



ps. my picture shows a sea turtle that is going to eat a plastic bag from a Lego set.



Joshua and his Dad making a Lego set that he received for his birthday.

This is the letter that Joshua wrote to Lego...

Dear Mr Christensen,
For my birthday, I received a Lego City aeroplane and airport set (#60261). I really like Lego but it made me sad to see so many plastic bags in the kit that can not be recycled.
These plastic bags get thrown away and can end up in rivers and eventually oceans. Turtles think these are jellyfish and eat them and then they get poorly and die.
My mummy told me you plan on changing to paper bags by 2025. Why will it take 4 years? Lego is a multi-million pound company - why can't you do this quicker? Also, why do instructions inside the box need to be in plastic? Surely this is completely unnecessary?
From Joshua
age 6

They have said that they will respond and we shall keep you updated!

Our View at The Ink Bin- Yes, Lego is plastic. But it is a toy that can be played with for years and years. Some of the Lego in our house is over forty years old and still as good as new. But we would love to see Lego reduce the plastic wrapping that does not need to be there.

Some good news...



**LEGO IS TRIALLING BRICKS
MADE FROM A SUSTAINABLE
SUGAR CANE PLASTIC THAT
CAN BE RECYCLED.**

The Environment News

Take a look at our activities page to find out how to make games from things you may have lying around at home

www.theinkbin.co.uk/ecokids

Lego say...
They will be getting back to us and Joshua soon
and we shall update you then!

Are you an Eco Hero?
Please do get in contact- we would love to share your story! Find us through our website- www.theinkbin.co.uk

Instant replay... Find some things lying around which you could repurpose into a new game

 Think of your favourite type of activity- construction, creative, role play and so on	 Find some things around your home or garden which haven't been used to play and so on	 Invent a new game that uses these things
 Test the game out and see if it works	 Improve the game and enjoy playing it	 Share the game with others, make sure you let others see and enjoy your wonderful work, so inspire them to use old toys to new ways

When was the last time these things had been used? Were they successful components to a new game? What things might improve the area where you live? Who could you share these thoughts with?

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