

Newcastle school debating competition 2018







A day in the life of plastic

- **Telling a story:** Jamaal & Victoria's story showed how we all use plastic every day
- **Characters:**
 - Jamaal loved PlayStation, World Cup
 - Victoria had a favourite plastic doll
 - Mum worked in research in a plastic factory
 - Dad worked in a hospital full of lifesaving plastic





Research & practice

- **Research sources:** BBC, British Plastic Federation

- **Key facts:**

- 170,000 people in UK work in plastics industry

- £23BN UK Industry



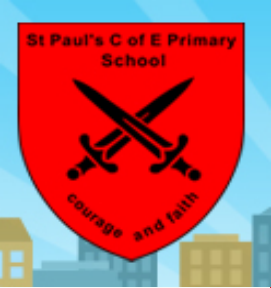
- Plastic makes cars 20% lighter, uses just 4% of oil production

- **Practice:**

- Our headteacher Mrs Sword watched our rehearsal

- **Now to decide on our key message and slogan:**

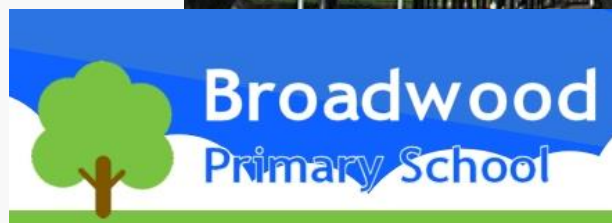
Research, Reduce, Recycle



How we were feeling as we arrived

"When we left school ready for the debate we were very excited. Dancing on the way to the bus we arrived at the Civic Centre. Amazingly, it was massive, red carpets and big chandeliers made us feel like celebrities. It was just when we got in the debate hall where we started to feel nervous because it was just like a real debate hall with micro-phones."

The competition was tough!



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Our debate

First, Yaazana introduced our team and what our motion/argument was

Confidently, Franklin and Kester told a short story about how plastic is in everyday life

Skilfully, Amazing stood up and stated that plastic is important & helpful to civilisation, now and in the future

As a conclusion, Yaazana agreed to Amazing's points and talked about how we can **Research, Reduce, Recycle** instead of completely banning plastic



Questions from St John's... waiting for the judges' verdict

After our argument, St Johns got the opportunity to ask us difficult questions The questions were mostly about the environment and animals suffering because of plastic in the oceans and on land.

Listening to St John's debate was kind of terrifying because they brought along pictures of poor animals who died of eating fish, that ate plastic. There was a girl who was very bold and kind of intimidated us. Some of us were kind of scared but we were confident and presented our point and hoped for the best.



When we finished watching , we had to sit down in a very comfy chair. It felt nerve-wracking facing the judges because you weren't used to people staring at you every time you spoke. There were these devices that when you press a black button the camera turn on and faces you, the mic turns on and you start talking



Judges' verdict

Brilliant unique story

Engaging for adults and children

Brilliant teamwork

Discussed passionately the questions as a group before answering them

Excellent communication and presentation





Victory again!

We felt really good after we won again for the fourth time- St Pauls (which is our school) have got a great and tremendous streak, or in other words, you can say that we have got a great history of winning the debate competition.





Congratulations to our fantastic team

