

# Mini Messenger



Youth takeover by pupils at Oasis Academy Fir Vale

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## Falconry comes to Oasis

In year 4, Falconry UK came to visit our school and showed us lots of different birds like owls, hummingbirds and other various birds. When they came, they told us why the birds looked the way they did and how they survive in their natural habitats.



Drawing by Jaroslav

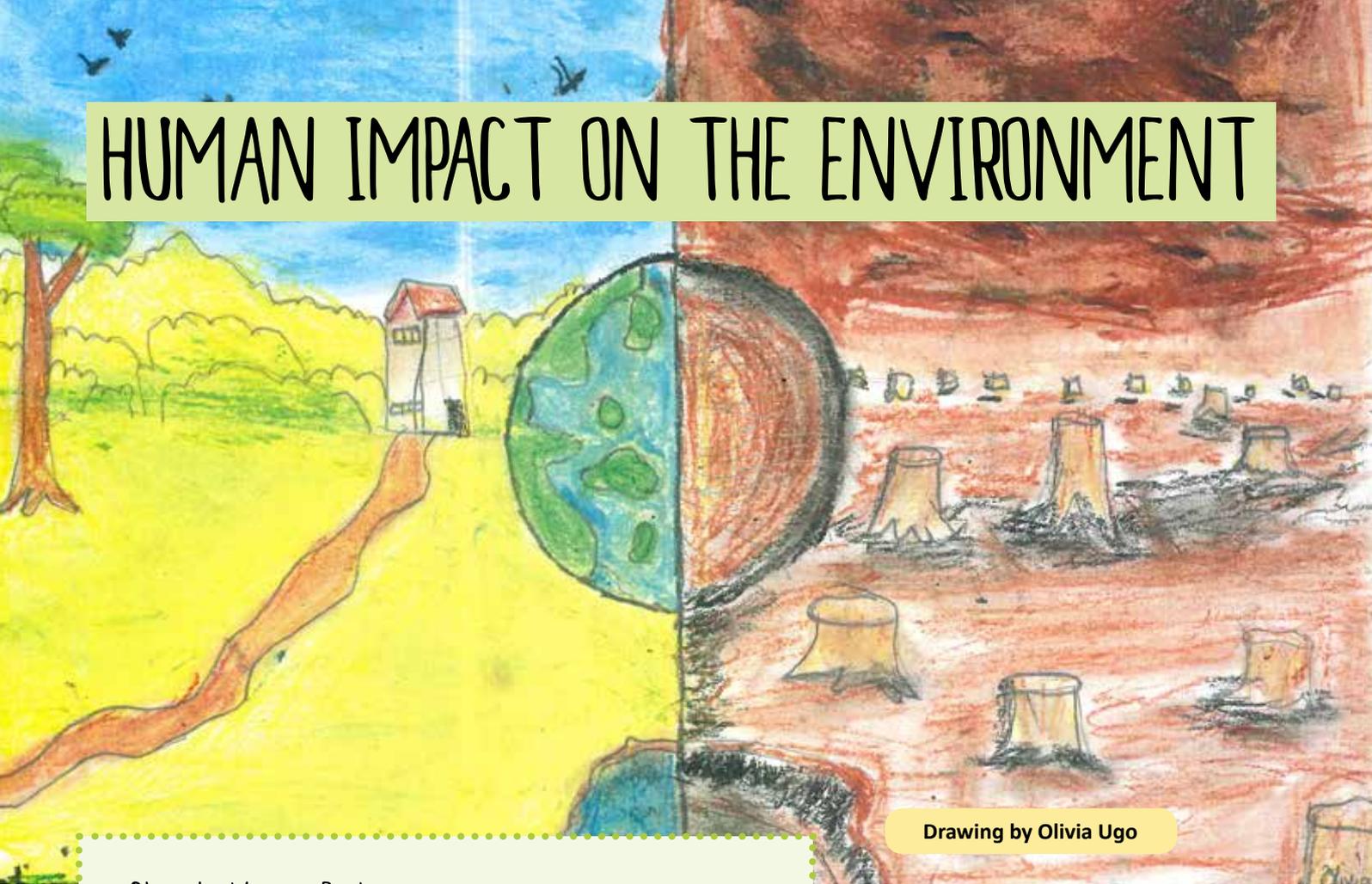


Drawing by Miki



"I loved seeing such beautiful birds! It was the first time I got to see something like this and it was so fun!" – Samuel Drugda

# HUMAN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT



Drawing by Olivia Ugo

Story by Vanesa Dunkova

**Unfortunately, the world is being destroyed by deforestation, urbanisation and air pollution. Changes like these have caused climate change, poor air quality and undrinkable water.**

The first negative impact humans have on the environment is deforestation. Deforestation is cutting down trees. People cut down trees because they need paper and wood to build. The reason deforestation is harmful to the planet is it is destroying animals' habitats.

In addition, urbanisation also has a negative effect on the world. Urbanisation is when people and humans build houses and buildings on top of animals' habitats. We need cities because the population is increasing so houses need building to avoid overcrowding. Urbanisation is dangerous for living things because building houses, cities, shops and roads on the land of animals' habitats. This means the animals will not survive.

Air pollution is when smoke comes out of machines, factories and cars. This smoke is harmful because the toxic, poisonous gases released can enter the lungs and cause diseases such as lung cancer.

It is not too late! If we become environmentally friendly, we can help save the planet together.

**“Chopping trees is bad because there is less oxygen for people and animals to breathe”  
– Richard Mizigar**

**“We need to look after our environment because we need to keep the habitats of animals safe so they don't die” – Jozef Ferenc**



Extra pictures by Miroslav Ziga, Eshal Hussain and Eliska Horvathova are on our website.

# PLASTIC POLLUTION

Story by Y6 USA

**Innocent sea animals are being killed. Plastic pollution travels all the way through lakes, streams and rivers demolishing their beautiful habitat. This needs to stop immediately!**

Almost all the rubbish on land has easily found its way into the ocean through rivers and streams. Each year, the plastic in the ocean increases by 23% so scientists believe that by the year 2050 there will be more plastic in the world

than humans. 18 billion pounds of pieces of plastic end up in the ocean.

Plastic is the most common element found in the oceans today; our oceans are dying. This is a huge problem, as if we kill all the sea creatures, we'll push species to extinction and lose our food source.

Activists say that 10% of animals found in beach clean-ups were trapped in plastic bags and 20% of fish found during a recent expedition had plastic in their stomachs. Experts believe that 817

species of sea animals are close to extinction due to pollution. Sea birds eat plastic, thinking that it is food.

We are polluting the seas. Sea life in our oceans is dying off at alarming rates. Our food chain is being dramatically affected. In order to stop this from happening, we need to take action and reduce the amount of plastic we use.

Together, we can all reduce plastic use and put pressure on our governments to make changes that help reduce ocean pollution.

**"We need to recycle all the plastic we can – not just put it in the bin." Saleh**

**"Plastic pollution is killing animals so it must stop immediately!"  
Munzir and Rahand**

## Horizons iPad

Story by Year 3 Denmark

We all got an iPad during the coronavirus lockdown of 2021. The iPad helped us to learn during lockdown. Every day we could meet our class on Microsoft Teams to do our normal lessons. We also did work on Purple Mash and TT Rock Stars.

**"My iPad lets me talk to my friends and teachers whenever I want"- Helena**

It was also really nice to see the teachers every day even though we couldn't come to school. The teachers also made Vimeo lessons which we could watch on our



**"My favourite thing to do on my iPad is drawing pictures and playing maths games"- Nikola**

iPads to do extra work. Now we are in school we use our iPads a lot. We do research, play learning games, answer work sheets, and collaborate with each other on pieces of work.



Before we got our Horizon iPads, we had to share the iPad Minis with lots of other children. The iPad Minis were really slow and broken. It is great that now we have our own iPads to use which work great! We get to keep our iPad all they way through school until we leave Oasis Academy Fir Vale which is great because all our photos, work and games get to stay in one place. We love our iPads!

# OASIS IN SPACE

In y6 we had a visitor named Olga who was an astronomer. She brought a gigantic planetarium dome, which was nearly as big as our classroom! We climbed inside, and it actually felt like we were in space! Sitting inside the dome felt relaxing, because it was dark, but also a little scary!

She showed us the eight planets, and told which were gas giants, and which were rocky planets. She taught us that Saturn's rings are falling to its surface, and she showed us that Venus is the hottest planet. We saw a video of the Mars Rover (Curiosity), which drills holes, trying to find water!



"It felt real. Like we were actually in space!"



## Visit from a real farm

On The 23rd of April 2021 year 3 Denmark had a visit from a real farm! They made a farm in our playground with sheep, alpacas, goats, ducks, and lots of other animals.

Our favourite animals were the sheepdog called 'Meg' who we got to run around with, and a rabbit called Benjamin! It was amazing to see all the animals and it helped us learn about what we could find on a farm. We used the animals to write some stories about the farm.

"The farm was the best day ever!" - Zain



The beautiful Meg meeting Year 3 Denmark

The **Mini Messenger** needs **youth groups, schools and people aged 5-25** to help create a section made by and for young people. Training and support is available. If you would like to get involved please contact [mail@burngreavemessenger.org](mailto:mail@burngreavemessenger.org)