

## Primark my words, it's fab



SOME may argue that Primark is a busy and annoying shop that is always full. Yes, it can get crowded, but is it such a big trauma? It is the same as any other shop, but just a lot cheaper!

With the economic crisis that's going on now what's the harm in watching the pennies? After all the saying goes that if you take care of the pennies the pounds will take care of themselves! All of the latest fashions are in store giving Primark a good name.

From Gladiator shoes to a Graden floral print bow dress, Primark gives a full sense of 21st century money saving fashion. Alanna Moffatt said: "The fashion is just as good as any other shop just cheaper."

You can purchase UGG boots for as little as £6 in Primark, where as in shops such as Shoe Zone they can cost at least £11 – that's a difference of £5 for the same boot!

Primark has won lots of awards such as 'best money saving shop 2009', which is entirely my point! It is also family orientated with men's, women's, babies, children's clothes and house hold items.

In my opinion Primark is judged harshly and should get more credit. It's cheap, convenient and it's fashionable. It's just one great shop!

• By Megan Owen, 11, The Commonweal School

## Don't waste planet Earth

IN the old days our country was clean compared to the polluted, dirty place of modern times.

The trees are withering, the leaves dying, all because of mankind. In about one million years I think this world is going to die due to all of our waste products filling up the land.

Also we are using too much aerosol that is creating a gaping hole in the ozone layers surface. The sun could burn the earth in a matter of days.

"People can reduce their carbon footprint by using public transport," said Megan Owen age 11.

By cutting down the trees we are cutting our oxygen down. Would it be doing us any good? If you contributed by buying environmentally friendly purchases the world could hold on for much longer. All you need to remember is reduce, reuse, and recycle.

• By Alanna Moffatt, 11, The Commonweal School

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## Students went bananas for Fairtrade

ON Friday 6 March, Cirencester College students munched their way through 1,200 Fairtrade bananas as part of a national attempt to break the world record for the most number of bananas eaten during a 24-hour period. Cirencester College Student Union organised the event.

James Bladon, a member of the Student Union, said: "We asked students to 'Go Bananas' and join us in eating as many bananas as we could on Friday. The event was fun but also had a serious

message.

"Two billion people live on less than two dollars a day and now more than ever, it's important that people buy Fairtrade to support producers in developing countries who are faced with rising food and production costs as prices soar."

The record-breaking event was part of Fairtrade Fortnight (23 February – 8 March).

The Fairtrade Foundation's annual awareness raising campaign brings together producers, campaigners,

businesses and community groups, to highlight global trade inequality and promote Fairtrade, which benefits small scale farmers and farm workers and their communities in the developing world.

Through Fairtrade, 7.5 million people – farmers, workers and their families – have more security and control over their lives.

The theme of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight is: Make it Happen. Choose Fairtrade.

Fairtrade bananas were first launched 11 years ago and

today one in four bananas sold in the UK is Fairtrade.

There are 57 certified producer groups in eight countries of Latin America, the Caribbean and West Africa supplying Fairtrade bananas to 20 countries in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific.

Marcella Harris, a banana farmer from the Windward Islands, said: "I hope people begin to see that they can make a real difference to the lives of thousands of real people by making a simple decision when they shop."

# THAT'S RUBBISH!

ON Friday 13th Peatmoor School walked around the Peatmoor lagoon and Peatmoor Copse picking up all the litter in their sight.

All of Year six and Eco club set off with their litter pickers and a black dustbin bag on a mission to leave the Lagoon and Copse litter free.

We split up into two groups, one group named Litter Lovers and the other named Peatmoor Posse.

Two police men and two police ladies came along with us.

Also, four men from the Recycling Education Team came along to tell us what we could recycle and what we could not.

Later on in the day they did an assembly with the school. Not only were we picking up all of the litter, we were recycling all we could. This is what we managed to recycle: many cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles,

deodorant cans, and cardboard.

This is some of the very weird stuff we collected, but unfortunately couldn't recycle: a car hubcap, part of a bike, a tire etc.

After we had done the litter pick the police ladies came in and talked to us about what they do.

They said the crime that is most popular around Swindon is vandalism, like Graffiti to buildings that don't belong to them and damaging bus stops etc.

After that, the Recycling Education Team tested us on our knowledge of things that can be recycled.

They brought in with them an everyday wheelie bin full of rubbish that could be recycled. In the wheelie bin was: compost, cans, plastic bottles, tin foil etc. I enjoyed the day tremendously and had a good time.

• By Sam O, Peatmoor Primary

