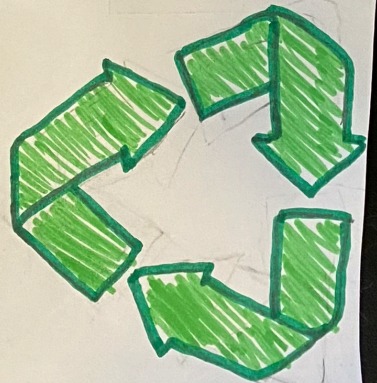


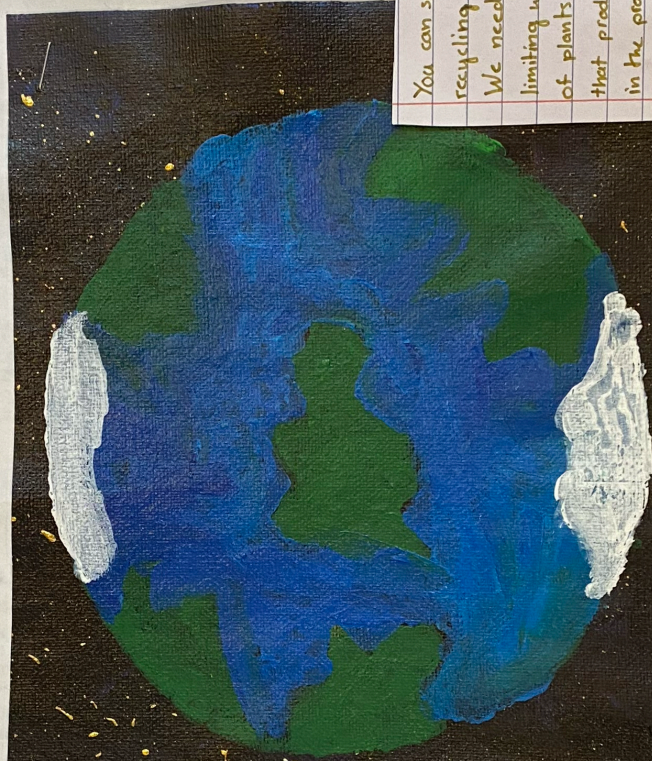
Did you know that 42 million trees are cut down globally in a day? Even more, *only* 5 million trees are planted back which is only a fraction of what we destroyed. There are currently only 3 trillion trees left and continuing at this pace, we will lose all trees to deforestation in 200 years! Imagine a barren world without trees. Trees provide more than we realize; for example the very air that we breathe comes from plants like trees. Trees convert gasses that we cannot breathe (carbon dioxide) into breathable air. If we continue at this rate, it is very possible that the next generation will never be able to see the wonders of this world such as rainforests or jungles. This is why we need to put Reduce, Reuse, Recycle into action.

The first step is always to reduce the waste generated in the first place. By reducing the waste you prevent the garbage from ending up in natural environments and harming the plants and animals that live there. Another benefit of reducing is limiting greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse gasses are released during the harvesting and manufacturing of the product.

Reducing the amount of that product you buy and instead using it all up will leave behind no garbage, and less of the environment is harmed, causing less greenhouse gasses. Reusing is the next part of this process. It helps to reuse what you can. This can be as simple as using a reusable shopping bag instead of using a store's one time bag. Adding on, using reusable water bottles instead of plastic water bottles can save waste (plastic) from polluting the environment. Lastly, recycling benefits the environment and saves money. By recycling if you are stopping it from being incinerated or going to landfills, both which produce a lot of greenhouse gasses in the process. For example, did you know that each year production of aluminum cans alone releases 1.2 billion tons of greenhouse gas; imagine how much we could save if all of that went to recycling instead.



Save Our Planet...



...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



You can save lives by reducing, reusing, and recycling. We are taking everyday items for granted. We need to reduce the waste that we produce. By limiting waste generation, you are reducing the number of plants and animals harmed in the process of making that product and the amount of greenhouse gas emitted in the process. You can do this by being resourceful and using all the scraps before buying more. Next, reuse the things you can. Something as simple as using a reusable water bottle can mean a big difference. Last but not least, it is very important to recycle. Normally trash goes to landfills or an incinerator, but both create a lot of greenhouse gas in the process. By recycling, not only do you save a lot of greenhouse gas from being produced, but you also reduce the need to harvest more plants and animals.