

PPs with Sophie Hocking, Co Director of Rootstock, Bollington and Peter Grogan our PP Governor who joined us on the trip.



Olivia and Martha calculating the cost of chilli flakes and printing a price label.

## Report of Rootstock Shop visit

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On Thursday the 21st of March, some Planet Protectors visited the refill shop, Rootstock. The eco-friendly shop is in Bollington. Customers are encouraged to bring in their own recycled containers from home. They pay for the refill but it is cheaper as they do not have to pay for the packaging. The process is helping the planet by reducing the use of single use plastics both by the customer and the shop who have their containers refilled.

When Planet Protectors visited we got to speak to one of the directors, Sophie. She told us about the shop and what they do. We also got to help the customers, weighing out and pricing items they wanted. Visiting was very fun!

Planet Protectors Spring Update

Planet Protectors have been busy focusing on their Marine project this term.

They have had a Q&A Zoom with a plastics chemist, visited Rootstock Refill shop in Bollington, taken part in the Big Plastic Count, are writing to governmental departments and water companies raising the issues of plastic and sewage pollution and are planning a river clean up of the river in our woods next term.

Report of Zoom meeting with Plastics Chemist By Lily Kettle Yr 6, Edie O'Brien Yr 6, Holly Trafford Yr 6.

Planet Protectors had a Zoom meeting with a plastic expert called Nick to learn all about plastic and how to recycle and reuse it.

We learned about the different types of plastic, how to recycle them and which is the easiest to recycle. We also learnt that plastic is in our clothing, Isla checked her t-shirt label and found this was true! When we were on the Rootstock trip Peter was telling us that plastic can only be recycled 3 times and often has to have new items added to it so when it is reused it is not 100% recycled, unlike aluminium and glass which can be recycled over and over.

Harry and Iris purchasing some items for Mrs de Ruiter from Mel one the shop assistants. Mel also makes cakes for Rootstock and made us lovely hot chocolate, tea, herbals teas and coffee to have while we were visiting.



PPs weighing items for sale.