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Elizabeth is a positive, passionate kid who wants to use the power of positivity to stop people using plastic straws. Elizabeth regularly wraps paper straws to give as gifts to local restaurants. Alongside her paper-straw gift, she provides the restaurant with information about the damage plastic straws do to the environment encouraging them to make the change to paper straws... read on to discover how you can help Elizabeth with her campaign.

Step 1: Litter Collector Crew

First, of all you need to decide who is going to be involved in Elizabeth's Plastic Straw Campaign. You could appoint a Litter Collector Crew or a whole class can take responsibility.

Step 2: Reviewing Restaurants

When you have decided who is going to be involved in Elizabeth's Plastic Straw Campaign, it is time to complete Step 2: Reviewing Restaurants. If someone at your school goes to a restaurant, ask them to record whether the restaurant uses plastic straws. Next, tell the Litter Collector Crew and they can get the plastic-straw rolling.

Step 3: Plastic-Straw Plan

The first stage of this action is to create a gift for restaurants. You will need to decide who is creating the gift: will it be a whole class activity or The Litter Collector Crew? To create the 'gift' you will need to wrap paper straws as beautifully as possible (Elizabeth recommends using bows). Alongside the beautifully wrapped 'gift', should be a letter to the restaurant explaining why they should stop using plastic straws. Remember to be as positive as possible as Elizabeth is sure only positivity creates change. When your 'gifts' are ready, it's time for your school to start recommending restaurants that The Litter Collector Crew can send their 'gifts' to.

Step 4: Waiter Work

According to Elizabeth this action works great helping children with their English work as it allows you to practice your letter writing skills.

Step 5: Informing, Involving, Drinking (using paper straws)

Elizabeth thinks the best way to tell people about the Plastic Straw Campaign is through a poster campaign and regular assemblies. This will help you to recruit a secret group of restaurant reviewers to tell you when restaurants are using plastic straws.

Step 6: Cheque Please!

An easy way to check whether your action has been successful is by asking the restaurants, you can do this by calling or writing to the restaurant. Alternatively, your restaurant reviewers can tell you whether the restaurant has changed when they revisit it. Remember to record how many restaurants you have made more eco-friendly.

Step 7: Paddleboard Promise

Elizabeth says:
Together we can make a difference, what do you say?

