The Big Battery Hunt

Eco-Schools England Seven Step Guide

The Big Battery Hunt is back for its second year! The UK's biggest school battery recycling programme (4 million batteries recycled last year), gives pupils the exciting opportunity to be pioneers in battery recycling: encouraging the whole nation to recycle more batteries and making a real difference to our planet. On top of this, participation can be used as evidence towards your Eco-Schools Green Flag award and there is a chance to win some great prizes!

Step 1: Battery Hunters

You will need to choose a group of students to take the lead on the Big Battery Hunt project in your school. They will need to plan the project as well as let the whole school and wider community know about it. It is up to you who leads the project in your school: you could use your existing Eco-Committee or school council, a whole class or appoint a new group of students. The only prerequisite is they need to be passionate about their planet!

Step 2: Reviewing Battery Recycling

The Big Battery Hunt has everything you need to review the battery recycling situation in your school in their Pupil Activity booklet that is totally free to download when you register. Simply print a copy for each pupil to take home and complete. Inside the booklet they will be asked to:

- Estimate the number of batteries in their home
- Search for different types of batteries and create a tally chart
- Create a battery bar chart
- Answer questions about what they have found out
- Crack a code

Once as many pupils as possible have completed their booklets, the battery hunters - can collect and analyse the results. They will be able to find out the most and least common types of batteries in your school community, how many batteries your school community uses and whether this figure is more or less than was predicted – make sure they don't forget to tell everyone the results!

https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/

Step 3: Planning the Project

Participating in Duracell's Big Battery Hunt is an exciting, engaging and easy way to protect the environment that can be student-led as it is simple to plan.

Assembly

Inside the Big Battery Hunt resource pack, which you can download for free when you register, you will find a fun PowerPoint assembly to deliver to your school. The PowerPoint explains the negative effect that batteries can have on the environment, the benefits of recycling batteries, what happens to recycled batteries, how to handle batteries safely and how to get involved in The Big Battery Hunt.

The assembly can be performed by teachers or we recommend (if your battery hunters are confident enough) allowing the pupils in charge of the project to lead the assembly.

Collecting

Your school's battery hunters will also need to decide how they are collecting batteries in their school. When you register your school for free, each of your pupils will receive a free battery box to collect batteries they find at home. Your school also has the option to receive a larger whole school battery container – the battery hunters will have to consider the best location for this in their school:

- It should be somewhere easily accessible to receive as many batteries as possible.
- For safety the container should be away from direct sources of heat and flammable materials.

Step 4: Battery Hunt Homework

The Big Battery Hunt's free pupil activity booklet is perfect math's homework for pupils with:

- Tally charts
- Bar charts
- Data analysis
- Code-breaking

If you want an English lesson on the Big Battery Hunt, then you could write stories for the Battery Pioneer Competition. Ask pupils to tell their story of how they have gone the extra mile for the Big Battery Hunt and submit here: **https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/** for the chance to win amazing prizes!

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Step 5: Informing, Involving, Recycling

Your battery hunters can get the whole school involved in the project by delivering the Big Battery Hunt presentation. Amazing prizes like: class trips, iPads and vouchers provide even more incentive to pupils.

The free resource pack (available to download when you register) includes a letter that your school can send to parents to let them know all about the Big Battery Hunt and encourage them to get involved in collecting old batteries. Parents will love this as batteries can be a pain to properly dispose of! We also recommend getting parents involved in completing the Pupil Activity Booklet homework.

Ask your battery hunters to be creative with others they want to involve: relatives, neighbours, local shops, community centres. The more people involved, the bigger the impact on the environment – last year one pupil collected over 2,000 batteries by herself, other schools got Flybe and the Aladdin musical collecting for them!

Don't forget to inform the Big Battery Hunt about how individual pupils have rose to the challenge by entering the Battery Pioneer Competition. Check out the Big Battery Hunt website for further competition details: **https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/**

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Under the supervision of an adult, children should collect as many used batteries (AAA, AA, C and D) as they can and them to their battery recycling boxes. Make sure to tell the enthusiastic children to check the batteries are completely worn out – and not to start taking batteries from television remotes around the country.

Step 6: Evaluating the Big Battery Hunt

A Progress Tracker is included as part of your free Big Battery Hunt Resource pack. Simply print a copy for each class and ask your Battery Hunters to complete whenever they receive batteries for donation (hopefully each class will end up printing multiple progress trackers)! You could even use your Progress Tracker to have a whole school competition to see which class can collect the most batteries. Don't forget to attach your progress trackers to your Eco-Board - they are perfect evidence for Step 6 of your Green Flag award!

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Step 7: The Big Battery Hunt Promise

To finish off the project, why not add some words about battery recycling to your Eco-Code, here are some of our ideas, but when you think of better let us know **@Eco-Schools!**

AA, AAA, C or D
Bring your batteries
To get recycled for free!

Batteries are better recycled!

Hunt high, hunt low—battery recycling is the way to go!

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