



Big Battery Hunt & Eco-Schools

The Big Battery Hunt is back for a third year!

The UK's biggest school battery recycling programme (11 million batteries recycled and counting!) gives pupils the opportunity to work together and make a real difference to our planet.

Participation can also be used as evidence towards your Eco-Schools Green Flag award. Use the free Big Battery Hunt resources, available on registration at www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk, and follow the steps below to give the programme an Eco-Schools twist!



Step 1: Battery Hunters

Choose a group of students to take the lead on the Big Battery Hunt project in your school. They will plan the project and get the whole school involved.

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: The Hunt Is On

Time to count the batteries in your school! Battery Hunters, follow these steps:

1. Make a prediction about how many batteries are being used in your school classrooms.
2. Get hunting! Visit all of the classrooms and count how many batteries are being used. Did you guess correctly?
3. Note down what different types of batteries you find. Keep track in a tally chart and then put the info into a battery bar chart.
4. Produce a short, punchy sheet of findings. Include info about how many batteries are being used, what they're used for and the most and least common types of batteries. Try to make your report visual.





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Step 3: Informing, Involving, Recycling

Time for the Battery Hunters to get the whole school involved!

Using the battery-report as the basis, the Battery Hunters must design a short presentation to deliver in a school assembly. Turn your report into a short quiz to get everyone involved. Challenge everyone to guess how many batteries were found throughout the school, what the batteries were most commonly used for, and which type of battery was the most-used.

Let everyone know how important it is for these batteries to be recycled. Finally, it's time to set the challenge...



Step 4: The Hunt Is On (part 2!)

Battery Hunters, challenge your fellow pupils to collect as many used batteries (AAA, AA, C and D) from their homes as they can and put them in to their battery recycling boxes (available on registration with the programme at www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk). They can then bring these to school and each class' teacher will add them up.

Pupils can get creative using the Big Battery Hunt Community Engagement Kit from the resources pack and even get their family and friends involved.



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Step 5: Evaluating your Big Battery Hunt

Battery Hunters, print out the progress tracker, found on the next page.

Visit all of the classes in your school, collect their battery hauls and add their totals to the tracker. Finally, add up the total to see the impact that your school has had!

Teachers can upload the final tally at www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk and be entered into the free prize draw. Prizes include £4,000 for outdoor playground equipment!

Battery Hunters and a member of school staff can then take their collection of batteries to a local battery recycling drop-off where they will be safely recycled.



Step 6: The Big Battery Hunt Promise

To finish off the project, create your Big Battery Hunt Promise - a written pledge to recycle all of the batteries that your school uses in the future and to continue helping to protect our planet. Add the Promise to the bottom of your progress tracker. Share pictures of your pledges with us on Twitter - @EcoSchools - and the Big Battery Hunt on Facebook.

Step 7: Don't forget to attach your progress trackers and Big Battery Hunt Promise to your Eco-Board - they are perfect evidence for Step 6 of your Green Flag award!



Our Big Battery Hunt Promise:





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Notes for teachers:

- In order to facilitate the Big Battery Hunt, please follow the guidance on the Big Battery Hunt [website](#). Use the free downloadable resources to add different curriculum-linked activities to your project.
- When you register your school on the site, you will receive 80 free battery collection boxes. Classes will have to take it in turns to take home the boxes and collect batteries.
- Please send a letter home to parents, informing them about the Big Battery Hunt and to ensure the following:
 - That all activity is delivered under the strict supervision of an adult.
 - That pupils do not tamper with electrical items that can cause harm or are connected to any mains power.
 - That pupils check the batteries are completely worn out before adding them to their collection ...and not to start taking batteries from television remotes around the country!
- Alongside the letter, please include the safety instructions for adults supervising battery collecting on page 9 of the Big Battery Hunt Pupil Booklet, included in the free downloadable resource pack.
- If you cannot deliver the activity as a whole school hunt or have concerns about safety of pupils collecting batteries at home, the project can be adapted for delivery solely in school, collecting all used batteries from schools grounds.

Happy hunting!