

International Coastal Clean-up Day – Treasure Beach

On Saturday, 21 September 2019, some learners, staff and parents engaged in an International Coastal Clean-up at Treasure Beach. This event was coordinated via WESSA and the Department of Environmental Affairs.

Cleaning the beach improves the coastal and ocean ecosystem by making sure that none of the trash kills marine life and is toxic enough to disrupt the marine life cycle. It is also an opportunity to gather fresh data about the state of our coasts and the types of trash that pollutes them.

Learners learnt how to sift through the soil, find pollutants and discard them correctly. They were engaged in recording the items found and learnt data collection methods. The beach looked clean, however, it was surprising to find so many pollutants buried in the sand. We had 5 groups of learners and each group collected about 5kgs of litter in a space of an hour.

Well done to all our learners, parents and staff who participated in this important event.





A learner and parent sifting through the sand



Teacher and learner recording items found



Litter found beneath the surface



These learners are holding a fishing line found buried in the sand



Learners, staff and teachers getting ready to clean up the beach