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Persuasive Texts

The Upper Primary Class have been learning about the effects we have on the world when we're unaware of what goes into our food. Do you know what Palm Oil is?

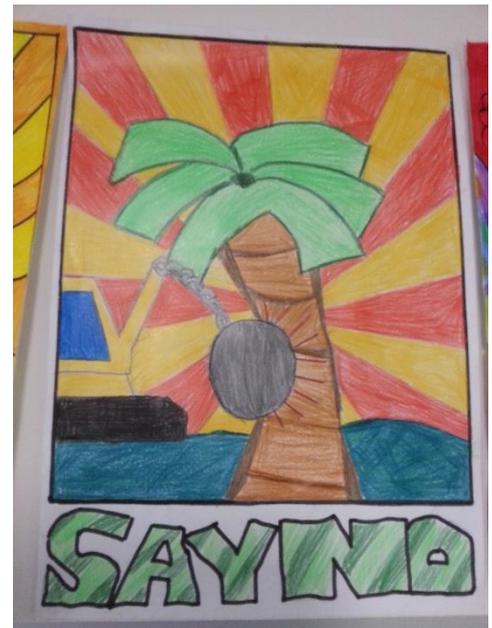
Here are some excerpts from the expositions we've been writing.

Introduction by Mia

Palm Oil is a wicked substance that is found in many common products. It is mainly grown in the two countries of Malaysia and Indonesia. There are 5 million hectares of it already planted in Malaysia. Together, Malaysia and Indonesia supply 85% of the world's horrible palm oil. It is used in many different foods as a cheap ingredient, consequently approximately half of the food that you find on supermarket shelves would contain it. It is labelled on products as 200 other names apart from Palm Oil. This dreadful ingredient is used in many products that we use and love every day for example ice cream, kit kats, pizza, lollies and m'n'ms.

Linking Statement by Ben

There is no debate that Palm Oil has become a global issue that has the potential to change the world forever, therefore people need to stop buying products that contain Palm Oil.



Artwork by Zoe



Artwork by Saige

Argument by Flynn

It is clear that people should not buy products containing Palm Oil because it is harming the orang-utans' environment! The Palm Oil industry cuts down 500 football fields of rainforest every hour so that they can plant these trees. Surely people could at least check if what they are buying contains Palm Oil and not buy it!

Argument by Saige

It is clear that nobody should buy Palm Oil products because it is reducing the number of Borneo and Sumatran orang-utans. If it is not stopped, these special animals will become extinct. A devastating fact to support this is that 100 years ago there were 315, 000 orang-utans and now there are only 60, 000 orang-utans left because of deforestation.

Argument by Jenneiva

It is also absolutely critical for people to know what is actually happening to wild, rare creatures in the rainforests. People kill these creatures so their supposedly 'important' industry can continue. The people that run the Palm Oil industries are making orang-utans and elephants suffer a horrible fate, therefore the number of these



Artwork by Jye

They do NOT deserve this.



Artwork by Wil

animals is decreasing rapidly. Orang-utans are being burnt alive, run over, shot and the mothers are being killed and their babies being sold illegally as pets. Treating these creatures like pests is definitely not going to make anything better. At all. This torturous cruelty is completely horrendous behaviour, and it is all because these poor, innocent creatures are trying to find food, which leads them to the Palm Oil plantations. These animals are travelling onto these sites trying to seek food so they can actually live another day. Soon these species will vanish from the Earth completely. Remember, these animals have done nothing wrong.

Argument by Harry H

It is clear that we definitely need the magical and remarkable rainforests because they are obviously the thing that keep us supplied with oxygen. If deforestation continues it will spell the death of all living creatures on Earth!



Artwork by Harry R

Argument by Eliza

It is clear that if companies don't start labelling Palm Oil we will run out of many things from chocolate to coffee. In addition, if we keep chopping down rainforests, we will eventually run out of many things like ginger, nuts and different types of medicine. As Palm Oil companies grow and grow, the demand for Palm Oil enlarges daily, therefore more and more foods become less and less.



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