**“Refill, Reuse!”** **Competition Guidelines**

 **Instructions for Teachers:**

1. Competition is open to all KS2 pupils with a category for Special Needs Schools.
2. Prizes for each primary school year group P5, P6 and P7 and for the Special Needs Schools category (all ages groups):
3. First prize - £250 donation for the winning school in each category/ with a “goody bag” for winning pupil.
4. Second prize - £150 donation for the winning school in each category/ with a “goody bag” for winning pupil.
5. Third prize - £100 donation for the winning school in each category/ with a “goody bag” for winning pupil.
6. The pupils are asked to draw a poster to encourage people refill their reusable bottles with tap water instead of buying single use plastic bottles.
7. Posters **MUST** be A3 size and hand drawn **(we cannot accept any ICT posters).**
8. Each poster **MUST** have the pupils name and class clearly written on the back of the poster alongside the schools name and address. **Unfortunately, any posters, which do not include this information, clearly will be disqualified.**
9. Entries should reach NI Water by 5pm Friday 3rd May 2019.
10. Entries must be sent to NI Water, Schools Competition, Education Office, Westland House (Rm16), Old Westland Road, Belfast, BT14 6TE.
11. NI Water is not responsible for any entries lost in transit. Entries will not be returned.
12. Winning schools will be notified of the results in June 2019.
13. Prizes will be distributed at an Award Ceremony at NI Waters Wastewater Heritage Centre, Duncrue Street, Belfast the week commencing 17th June 2019.
14. Winners will be required to participate in publicity surrounding the competition.
15. We may wish to reproduce the winning submissions for promotional materials or publicity purposes.

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**Inspiration for Teachers**

**Background Information**

Water is our most valuable resource on earth and is essential for all living things; we cannot live without it.

The human body is 60% water and we should aim to drink 6-8 glasses of fluid a day with water being one of the healthiest drinks.

Tap versus bottled has become an important debate in recent years and the issue of single use plastics has become extremely topical with the ‘blue planet’ effect.

Bottled water has experienced a boom in recent years resulting in large numbers of plastic waste. On average only 10% of water bottles are actually recycled. The other 90% end up in landfill or littering the environment. This is causing a dramatic effect in our water environments.

This year our competition is asking pupils to draw a poster to encourage the public to refill their reusable water bottles instead of buying single use bottled water.

* Approximately 10 million tonnes of plastic currently ends up in the oceans each year
* It takes approximately 3x more water to produce a single plastic bottle than fill it
* Drink 8 glasses of water a day to rehydrate!
* Only 1 in 5 plastic bottles are actually recycled
* Buying enough bottled water for your recommended amount of 8 glasses a day costs approximately £365 a year. Same amount of tap water : FREE
* Drinking water can boost brain and muscle power!!
* It can take a plastic bottle up to 450 years to decompose

Refilling is a great way not only to help keep us hydrated but also to help look after our environment.

We need your help to encourage refill and reduce single use plastics.