



World Clean Up Day

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Motivation

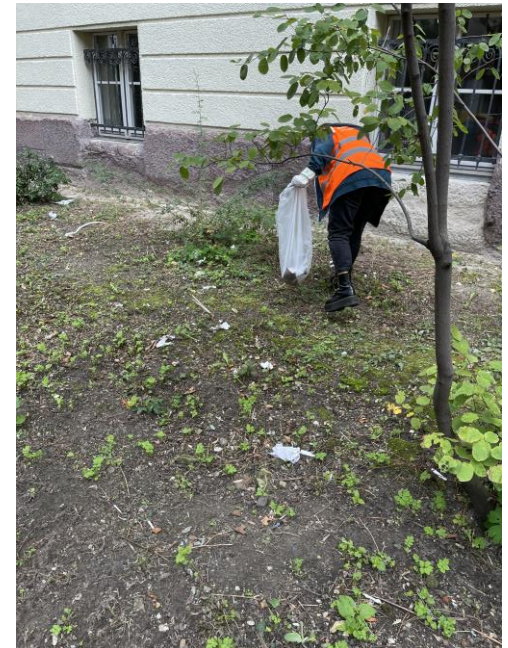


On the 14th of September we, the English LK, decided to go out and collect trash nearby our school as part of the World Clean Up Day. Originally, the World Clean Up Day is on the 13th of September, but we had to move our project to the next day due to weather circumstances. Beforehand, we talked a lot about the climate change and waste of resources in class. Motivated by those conversations, we were looking forward to clean up our environment. The BSR provided tools and clothes for our project, which were very helpful for our project.

Collecting Trash



We started to walk out of the school and look around. We noticed that a lot of the green areas and lawns close to the school were covered in trash. Especially, crumpled up paper for example. Most dramatically, a sheltered green space was littered by people that spent time in the park.



Interesting Pieces



We found this crutch leaning against a tree, which we thought was funny because we wouldn't expect anyone to misplace or throw away a crutch in a public area.



This newspaper with a political topic and a picture of a politician on it that a car ran over was laying on the ground...



There was this gingerbread heart that says "prince" on it stuck in a tree trunk. The former owner of this piece maybe wanted to send a message to someone.



This vape packaging was found right in front of our school...



A poster against the climate crisis ended up as polluting trash...

Results: What did we find?



Notes and messages written on paper.



Candy wrappers.



A lot of receipts.



School supplies.



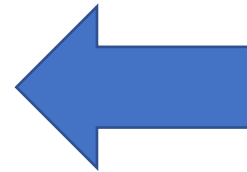
Covid trash.



Smoking waste.



+ a lot of paper trash



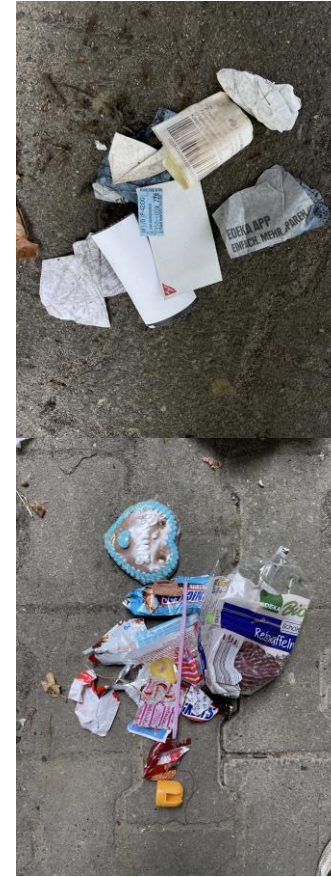
Critique



Current political issues also reflect on public littering. Consequences that are supposed to keep us safe from the Corona virus created a big trash-issue. Also, posters that pay attention to pollution and the climate crisis end up being trash, which is also bad for the environment.



We found an outstanding amount of trash caused by smoking on the streets. Cigarette ends could be found everywhere.



Another wide discussed problem is unnecessary waste caused by receipts or candy wrappers where every single piece of candy is wrapped in plastic.

Reflection



We enjoyed the project, and we were happy that we could leave the classroom and become active. Collecting trash made us think about how much work it is to clean up streets. So, we will be more aware of not to litter in the future. We were also impressed by all the different kinds of trash we found and by what political and social issues they refer to. We think projects like that should be done more often because so many people, especially in our age, litter without thinking about it, and such a project helps reflecting on your own behavior.