



Plympton Academy

WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND

An anthology of creative writing

A person wearing a bright red puffy jacket and a dark beanie is sitting on the edge of a large, textured rock. They are facing away from the camera, looking out over a vast, deep canyon. The canyon walls are layered with different shades of brown and orange, and a small blue lake is visible in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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**GUEST EDITOR
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Thank you for reading our anthology of poems and short stories about our planet.

Students from all school years took part in sending a message to everyone. Their message is for us all to take care of our world as it is our only home.

We need to respect each other, animals and the ground we walk on!

There are little things that we can all do to help. Like recycling, planting a tree, wildflowers for bees, eating less meat and buying locally!

GRACIE PEARSON

NO PLANET B.

It started with love, but it ended with death...

Enchanting wonders once surrounded the city, its greenery attracting your eyes to the most transient of beauties, consuming you.

The fresh breeze from the wind pricked your face as you watched the water of the ocean dance, calming you, taking your breath away.

The blue water would look back at you, looking into your soul as you let go of everything, even as the rain touched your skin it still felt magical.

The world was a safe haven, full of colour and life, but we took that away from Mother Nature, now our cold hands grab her beneath the chin and the creation she made turns black and grey and white.

Smoke from factories takes away the fresh breezes replacing it with toxins, the greenery darkens turning different shades of browns and yellow, and the ocean is fighting a war and right now the enemies are winning.

On a rainy day the world turns miserable and the flowers and the plants drown, but what we do not realise is that we are not just killing them, we're killing us humans too.

As we sail down the polluted water, litter is the only thing in sight, hundreds of thousands of plastic floats through rivers and seas every day, causing the wildlife below to suffer because we can't walk those extra steps to the bin.

Plastic, fishing nets, and factories are Mother Nature's deadliest predator and as we travel deeper into the ocean it is clear to see the damage we have caused. The tight plastic bag strangles the turtle, gripping its neck as its mouth widens as if it's screaming for help, taking its last breath as it turns lifeless.

Unfortunately, turtles are not the only animals to suffer, but in fact every living being is, as they don't know the difference between litter and food. You see the plastic you use, tortures the ocean forever. We are turning this beautiful piece of art into something that is disgraceful and disloyal to our home, our planet and everyone and everything in it.

You can't honestly tell me that you are okay to know that you're responsible for many of the deaths that have occurred, because you couldn't be bothered to put rubbish in the bin where it belongs. The ocean is being carried in a bag, its heavenly habitat slowly being demolished as we carry the bag adding more and more poison to it. The colossal amount of waste being washed up on shore and then taken back into the water is disgusting. Heaps of rubbish pile up every day, turning our marine environment so polluted that before we know it, there will be more plastic in the ocean than there will be fish. Marine mammals die every day from consuming damaging products, causing their organs to react differently resulting in their death. When veterinarians investigate the causes of why there is a re-occurrence of animals dying, it is mainly because their bellies are filled with plastic and their blood has been infected by it too.

The ocean's depth bath in a steam of silver light that spills through the clouded sky. Water rapidly crashes as the wind brushes against my face, stabbing it like tiny pin pricks as we venture further in the mysterious waters. On the journey, many spectacular creatures approached us, their intense beauty striking at my eyes, overwhelming me.

My mind keeps thinking about all the extinctions of these astonishing mammals and how they are still dying to this very day. Why do we kill such glorious imagery? Then this heartbreaking, but realistic thought hit me like a bullet ripping through my heart, "One day, the monsters in this world will have defeated Mother Nature, lurking, ready to target her again; not knowing she's already dead."

Nature doesn't need people, but people need nature, so please stop destroying our only life that is produced on our only Earth.

There Is No Planet B.

OUR EXCELLING EARTH

BY NATASHA HOPSON

Our excelling Earth is special,
Our excelling Earth is spectacular,
Our excelling Earth is friendly,
Our excelling Earth is picturesque,
This is our Earth!

The Earth used to have Dodos,
They were small - about three feet tall,
They also had a tail but not as big as a whale,
They had grey feathers, although some not,
Another extinct animal is the mammoth
They were classed as Mammuthus
The last one died at the age of 10,500
They used to live in the North Western Canada

But now there is plastic about
Killing even more animals off
Are we willing to change?
We have to if we want these animals with us
Let's be kind
I'm sure that animals wouldn't mind at all!

Our excelling earth is special
Our excelling earth is spectacular
Our excelling earth is friendly
Our excelling Earth is picturesque
Let's make our world a better place.

ELOISE GORVIN

DEAR FUTURE ME,

By the time you read this,
The world will have changed.
I hope for the better.

Change...
Such a funny word
A word of hope yet a word of confusion
How? When? Why?
All of these non-answerable questions
Circling round like a hole of darkness.
You get it right?
The loneliness
When your mind tells you; this isn't ok...
Our seas... our lands... our people...
This word... tears us apart... yet... brings us together...
A word that we fear...
Yet a word that we need...
And yet the word itself on its own
Does not complete its task alone
With its people and its meaning
Only then will it truly make sense
But only to let go
To let go of what you can't change
Changes you...

And that changes everything

We need to realise that we can't go on much longer
We can no longer censor or block
This isn't for your sake
This is for all
Every child
Every adult
Everyone
This is not their mistake
This is our mistake
And this mistake needs to be fixed not alone
But together.

So,
Dear future me
Your future is created by what you do today.
Not tomorrow.
Not next week...
Not next year
Make them proud. Make us proud to call ourselves
An asset to this planet.
Save it before saving yourself.
Before it's gone -

THE WATER IS NOT FLOWING

BY KATIE COCHRANE

The water is not flowing,
The sky is not blue,
The temperatures are changing,
The turtles are eating the wrong food.

The forests are dying,
The air is polluting,
Fresh water is depleting,
And Australia is on fire too.

Canada is flooding,
We are all polluting,
And worst of all
Wasting food.

Our world is fading,
While we are pretending,
That's nothing's going on

The world is dying,
Some people are trying,
There must be something
We can do

Loads is happening
To the world
We need to do something about it
Or else there won't be anything left.
Our planet is being destroyed
And barely anyone is helping
Spread the word
To help
Save The World!

MIA WILKINSON-FLORES

LAST CHANCE

It hurts and it burns,
Like the tall trees say.
It worries and concerns,
Those still around today.

Is this really our destiny?
The era in which we survive?
Cause there are monsters coming for me.
And they know where I like to hide.

My fallen mother, father, siblings and friends.
It's only ever anarchy,
And it will never end.

Amur leopards.
Black Rhinos.
Bornean Orangutan.
Cross River Gorilla.
Eastern Lowland Gorilla.
Hawksbill Turtle.
Javan Rhino.
Orangutan.
Saola.
Sumatran Elephant.
Sumatran Orangutan.
Sumatran Rhino.
Sunda Tiger.
Vaquita.
Western Lowland Gorilla.
Yangtze Finless Porpoise.

These are all my closest friends.
Yet without proper help
Their lives will end.

I think I might be the only one left.
I'm getting a bit old now.
All my children died at the vet.
And all the zookeepers start to frown.

I am truly the only one alive.
It's a weird thought to me.
But the vet said to take one last dive.
Will my next child save my species?

WHAT I WANNA BE WHEN I AM OLDER

BY SOPHIE KERR

I wanna be a cook
And make delicious food
And I wanna make my mum better.
And I really hope that there is no trash in the ocean
So we can save the fish
And all the sea creatures in the ocean from dying.
And I really hope that people will all be nice to each
other,
Help others and
Help the animals from being
Killed by hunters and being made into rugs
And coats
And all that stuff.
So can you make our planet be nicer
And not mean
And
All
That?



ELLIE MERCER

SAVING OUR WORLD

The Planet of Earth,
Is of considerable worth,
It is a beautiful place,
But if we don't appreciate it,
It will be too late.

We all need to do our bit,
Because if we blow it,
It will be the end of the world as we know it,
It is time for change,
If we want to save our planet,
Before it is too late.

WARNING

BY CHLOE KERR

Is the planet kept safe?
Are people still littering around the earth?
Future self or someone out there can you please help me!
Are there any warnings that I should look out for?
Are people still committing crimes?
Will there be new people who are famous?
Is there any way to make cars fly in the air?
Will there be robot people that can make the earth move faster
and can change the time so you can have a longer day?
Will there ever be a school there in the future or will there be
technology?

TREES

BY CODY MUTTRAM

Trees
Green, Brown
Growing, Moving, Stretching
Oak, Chestnut, Apple, Cherry
Cutting, Chopping, Burning
Black, Orange
Ashes

ANIMALS

MAX HENSON

Animals
Beautiful, Amazing
Poaching, Killing, Hiding
Rifle, Knife, Skinning, Poisoning
Death, Fire, Shooting
Dead, Floor
Death

JAIDEN CLEGG

Animals
Dangerous, Endangered
Eating, Sleeping, Drinking
Panther, Polar bear, Panda, Python
Slaughtering, Eating, Destruction
Harmful, Greedy
Humans

DAISY HUMPHREY

Animals,
Beautiful, exotic, moving,
Thriving, growing,
Parrots, sloths, panthers, flamingos,
Killing, hunting, eating,
Deforestation, extinct, humans.

YEAR 11 STUDENT

Poaching
The hot barrels fire away
Another rare creature slain
To fuel this sick trade
Tiger rugs and elephants foot ashtrays
Why are we letting our Earth go down this way?

Pangolins
Their scales
Are the same as our fingernails?
Yet we still treat them with a
Sick betrayal

AUTUMNAL HAIKUS

RYAN MULLANEY

A loving mother
And a kind and thoughtful dad
And you feel happy

HARLEY ANDERSON

Falling leaves and rain
Falling from the darker sky
Early sunsets and dark

JOSHUA BUCKLEY

Cold rain pouring hard
Over the dusty desert
Surprising the sand

LUCY GOULD

Leaves in the darkness.
As the trees prepare to sleep
Stars peeking through clouds

ETHAN DOCKING

Leaves turning orange
Wind blowing leaves off the tree
Falling on the floor

LEXI CROCKER

An icy cold breeze
Conkers falling off the trees
Leaves turning orange

LOGAN TURLEJ

Dry leaves tumbling down
Trees scattering all around.
This is autumn time!

MASON EBANKS

So much nice colour
Autumn so rich with orange
Both so cold and warm

LEWIS DELOOZE

Leaves falling off trees
Followed by a nice cold breeze
People jump on leaves

ISABELLE PRIOR

Breezy autumn day
Dreaming of trick or treating
Childhood memories

HARLEE MUTCH

A wet rainy day
Playing football with my friends
I feel excited

NATASHA HOPSON

Leaves crumbling through town
A warm fire crackling below
Freezing cold begins

JAKE COX

The wind's chilling breeze
Sends golden leaves gliding down
To the forest floor

AVA MASON

The golden leaves fall
Wind is whistling through the trees
Amber sunsets fall



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If you would like to contribute to the next anthology,
please speak with our Literacy Teacher Mr Edmonds

