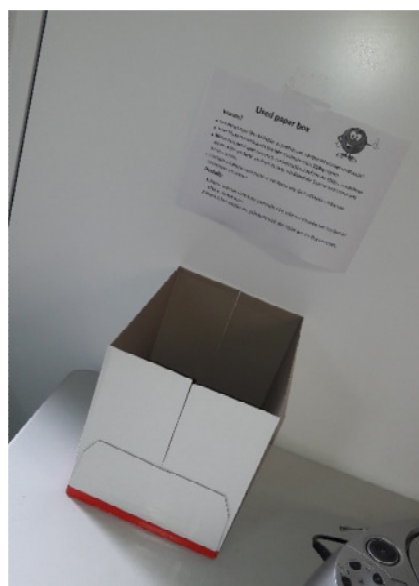


Actions Promoting Ecological Awareness

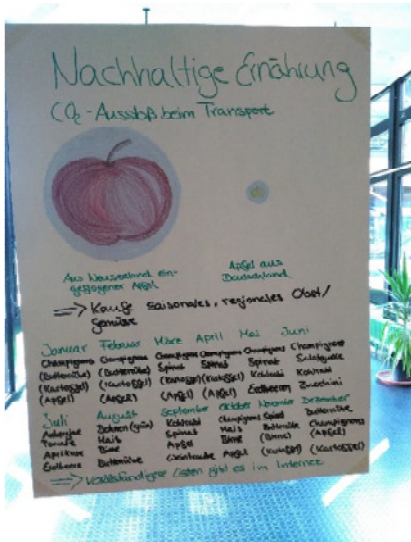
We decided to do two actions of the theme ecology. One of the actions for the Marie-Curie-Gymnasium which we planned is the used paper box. We want to do this action, because we think we use too much paper in our school. Most of the teachers copy the papers only one-sides and it would be very much better for the nature when they copy it both sides. It isn't only a problem in school, the problem also exist at home. For example a lot of people print their exams or something else out and when they notice that there is a fault, they throw it away and print it again. Every year we throw so much paper away, which could still be used on one side for notices or something different.

Our plan was to go in all the grades of levels five and six, because we thought that they are the most enthusiastic to learn something new. The aim was to test if the used paper boxes are used or if it doesn't work. So we went to the grades and told them a little bit about our week in Trogen and we wanted to draw their attention to the use of paper. For giving them an idea how to do this, we told them about the idea behind the used paper box and how to use it. We had the idea for using packages of copy paper, because they have the perfect shape and otherwise they would be thrown away. Also we created a paper with shocking facts about paper production, usage and an introduction about the function of the box.



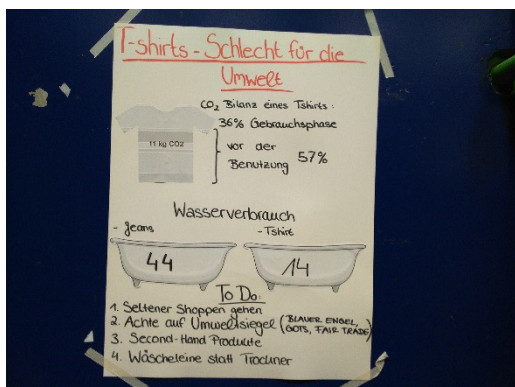
Most students and teachers were kind of shocked when they heard that you need 10 litres of water for the production of only one paper. They enjoyed the idea and want to test them. One teacher told us that they already had a project like this and it works very well, but the consumption was bigger than the offer. Generally the idea is very well, but it's easier when every student does it for himself. On the other hand you need actions like this to draw peoples attention to these problems and the possible solutions.

Our second action is posters which inform the students so that we can reach all students of our school and of course the teachers, too. So we decided to do four different posters to four different themes and we tried to hang them on as fitting places in the school as possible:



One poster is about sustainable diet. We import many food like apples to Germany and that means much CO₂ emission. We wanted to show them which regional vegetable and fruit they can buy in which times of the year instead of imported food. And we give them only a short selection and if they want to know more they could go to the internet and find more.

Our second poster is about recycling. Recycling is very important, because many parts of the oceans are full plastic trash. We wrote some shocking facts about how long glass and plastic bottles need to be decomposed and what they can do. The poster hangs over the dustbin because it's the most fitting place for that theme.



Our third poster is about the CO₂ emission during the production and the using of t-shirts and the water emission of jeans and t-shirts. We hung it on the wall near the stairwell, so everybody can see it.

Our last poster is about the ecological footprint, something that we learned about in Trogen in the ecology workshop. We show them how many earths we need, if we live the average German and do nothing for the earth. We also request everyone to find out about their own footprint on the internet.

We want to inform the students in our school and we hope that they read the posters when they walk past them and we hope that the posters make them think about their lifestyle and what they can change to something good for our earth, even if it's a small thing.



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