



UN WATER
19 November
**WORLD
TOILET
DAY**



CALLING ALL SCHOOLS!

WE HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

HALLOWEEN IS COMING AND WE
WANT YOU TO CREATE SOMETHING
TERRIFYING!



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WHAT DO WE WANT?

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Think Before You Flush campaign, operated by Clean Coasts (An Taisce) in partnership with Uisce Éireann.

To celebrate, we're inviting primary schools all over Ireland to create their own model fatberg, showing what happens when inappropriate items are flushed down the toilet and enter the wastewater system.

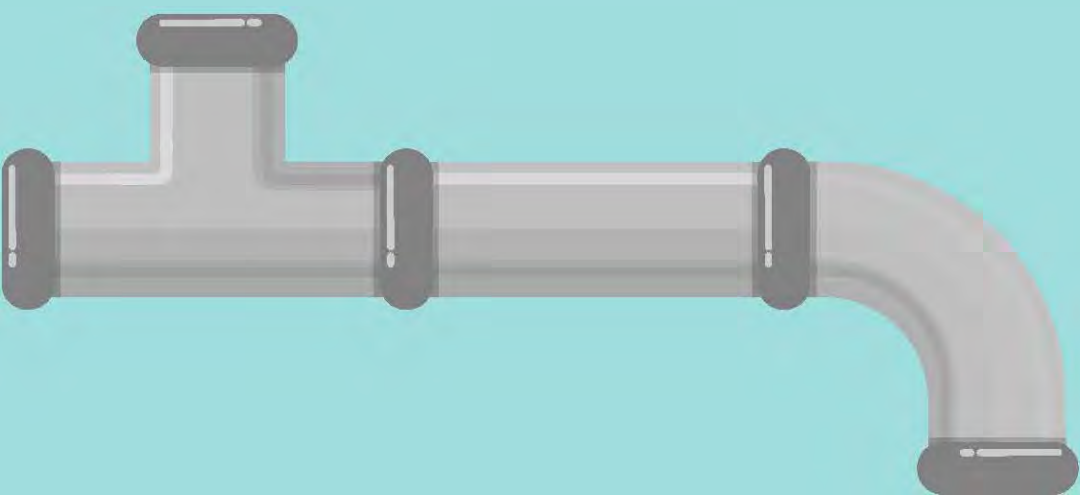
The winning school will receive a celebratory World Toilet Day visit from the Think Before You Flush team on 19th November 2026.

Pupils may enter as a class. Multiple classes may enter from a single school if they wish to.

... BUT, WHAT IS A FATBERG?

A fatberg is a large, solid mass in a sewer system. It forms when fats, oils, and grease (FOG) combine with non-biodegradable items like wet wipes and sanitary products. These materials congeal into a rock-hard blockage that can cause major pipe damage and sewage overflows.

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Here is a fatberg blocking a sewer. ↗

Fatbergs are made from many items that people flush down the toilet when they should actually go in the bin. These items include wet wipes, dental floss, hair, cotton buds, nappies and cooking grease.

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WHY ARE FATBERGS BAD?

They can block sewage pipes, cause dirty water to overflow and harm rivers and wildlife.

HOW CAN WE STOP THEM FROM FORMING?

We can help prevent fatbergs by putting wipes in the bin and allowing only pee, poo and toilet paper down the toilet!



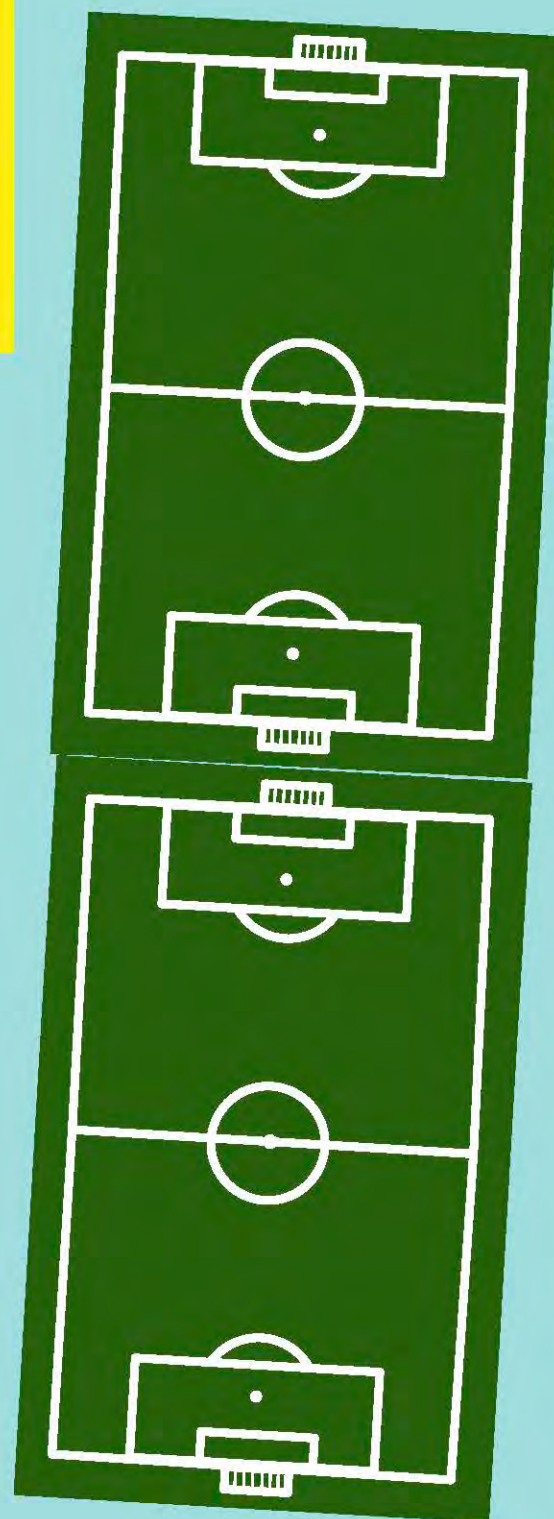
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THE LARGEST FATBERG EVER FOUND

The largest fatberg ever was found in a sewer in London nearly ten years ago.

The enormous blockage was 250 metres long and weighed an estimated 130 tonnes.

That means the largest fatberg was as heavy as 11 double decker buses!!



And as long as 2 football pitches!!

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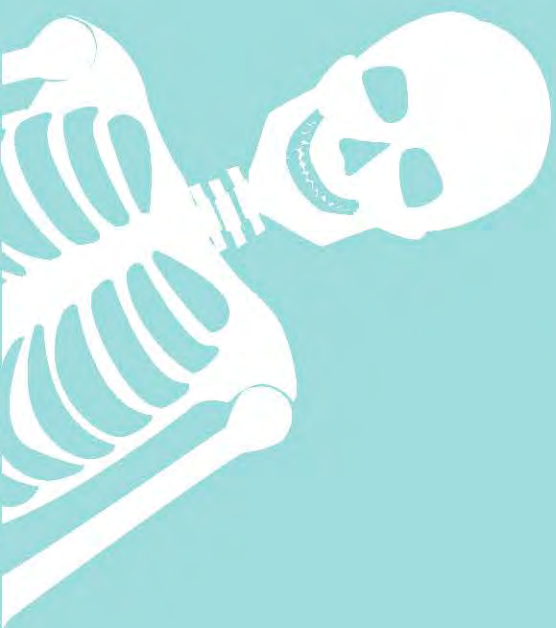
BOO!

According to Thames Water, the brave workers who remove fatbergs describe them as:



MONSTERS FROM THE DEEP

So, this Halloween, using everything you've learned about fatbergs, we want your class to create one of these frightening monsters!



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WHAT CAN YOU USE TO MAKE THE FATBERG?

Students may use crafts, recycled materials and anything else that takes their fancy to create their fatbergs.

Students can make the fatberg however they're inspired to do so. Perhaps it might take the form of a character - whatever they fancy. Artistic licence is strongly encouraged!

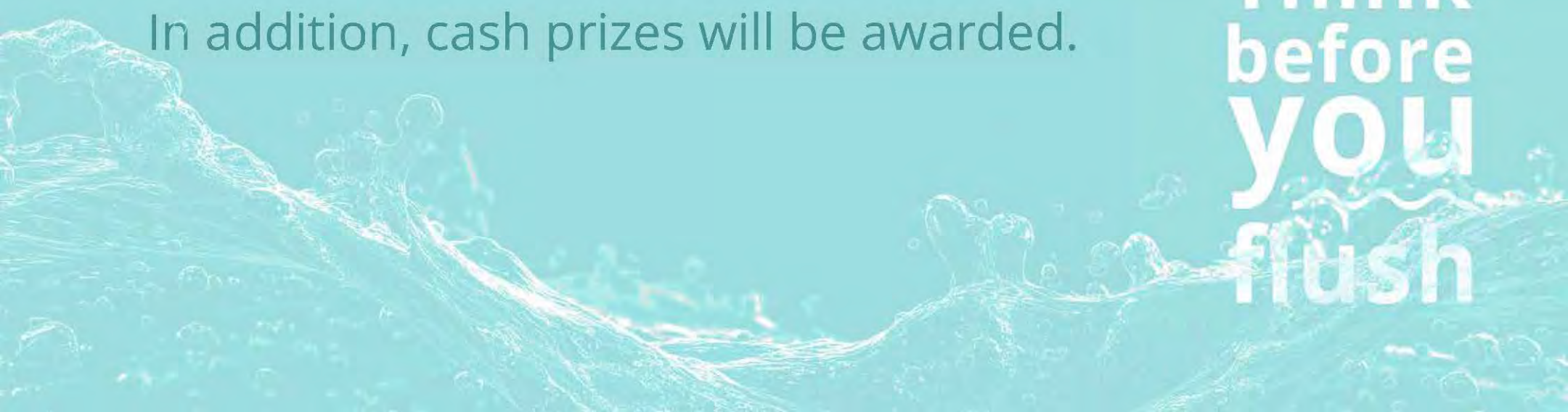
THE PRIZE

The winning school must be available to receive a special visit from Clean Coasts on World Toilet Day, Thursday, 19th November.

This fun event will invite the pupils to take part in games and celebrations and media opportunities.

In addition, cash prizes will be awarded.

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WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE YOUR CREATIONS!

The Think Before You Flush team
can't wait to see what kind of scary
fatbergs you create!

Let your imaginations run wild -
there is no right or wrong way to
make your fatberg. It could be a
character or whatever you like!

Any questions can be directed to
the team at TBYF@antaisce.org.

Have fun!

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