## St Matthews families help clean up our community

Over the course of the last year, we have all spent more time than ever in our local parks and walking around our local community areas. I think we have all realised that it is important to show our love and appreciation for these shared spaces and to keep them clean for everyone to enjoy.

Just after Earth Day and before World Environment Day, FOSMPS sponsored a litterpick for the St Matthew's families and

community on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. We encouraged families to help collect litter around the school, Fishponds Park and Alexandra Park. Despite some rainy showers, over 40 participants took part including Miss Dryden and Mrs Zerka.



Children and parents were out in raincoats with litter pickers or just gloves and bags. We found everything from plastic bottles, glass bottles, crisp and chocolate wrappers, face masks and even a remote control!

At the end of the litter pick we gathered under the big willow tree at Fishponds Park for a socially distanced

group photo. The rain stopped and the sun even made an appearance. Raincoats were shed, children were playing and even a game of frisbee commenced.





All in all, it was a great experience. It was a wonderful chance to do

something good for the Earth and the community and meet other families within the school. Thank you to everyone for coming out and we hope to organise future litter picks on a regular basis.