

## Cleaning up water in the Isles

Bun-sgoil Thunga on the Isle of Lewis chose to look at water as part of their Climate Action topic. Pupils took part in World Water Day with a STEM focus and also invited the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency to lead a workshop on sustainability during Climate Action Week. SEPA brought some local river water along to test the water quality and check for pollutants. The children discovered that the water samples had lots of wildlife in them which meant the water was healthy and able to support a variety of creatures.

The Eco-Committee also thought about life below water and due to their location they were particularly interested in the health of seawater. They reached out to local charity Clean Coast Outer Hebrides who visited the school to talk about the work the charity does and the impact coastal litter has on marine habitats and animal health. With the help of the charity, the school identified a local shoreline which they regularly visited to clean up. They measured the amount and type of rubbish found during these visits and saw that over two years they collected over 20kg of litter from the seashore.

