The class at Braehead Primary School created an amazing art piece after their research showed that one house produces one tonne of rubbish each year. The pupils wanted to learn where this waste went and how some of it might end up in our marine environments.

The children at Braehead were inspired to enter our Marine Litter Pathways art competition after celebrating Earth Day. They watched videos of plastic in the ocean and how this can affect our marine wildlife and habitats.

The class wanted to focus on preventing litter from entering our marine environment. They researched how waste from each household might end up in the sea. The class learned that each household produces one tonne of waste each year. This could end up in our seas. The class worked out that this meant that combined their class produced 27 tonnes of rubbish each year. They worked out that there were three routes this could take to reach the marine environment: The litter is incorrectly disposed of down the toilet, the litter is left on the street and could blow into a pathway to the ocean and, the family might not recycle correctly and overload their general waste bin so that pieces fall our and are blown away.

The class designed leaflets to help educate other pupils, teachers and families about how their rubbish could end up in the sea and how they might try to prevent this from happening.

The school started collecting litter from their school ground to use to make their art piece. The art depicts a house with all the possible streams unto the ocean.

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