

## **Charnock Richard Christ Church School gets behind the 'Don't mess with Chorley' message**

After complaints from parents and children about the littering and dog fouling around the school, Charnock Richard Christ Church School contacted us to ask if we could have an input in to their wicked writing week focusing on environmental issues.

The school wanted us to educate KS2 children on what fly tipping was, the dangers, the preventatives and who you can report it to. To help explain this, Rachel Austen and Alan Priestley from our Neighbourhood Team created a piece of work about fly tipping covering how to recycle responsibly, where can you dispose of waste, how it affects the environment, danger to animals, and Fixed Penalty Notices. This included a 'staged' fly tip which was dumped in the schools Woodland Garden, and the police taped the area off as a crime scene.

Also, as part of their environmental week, Rachel delivered a presentation to KS1 about littering and dog fouling. The children took part in a poster competition to create a dog fouling picture/ message to highlight responsible dog ownership. The aim of the exercise was to get key early intervention messages across such as 'Bag it Bin it' and 'Don't mess with Chorley' and how to report fly tips and understand the dangers of fly tips.

Chorley's BIG BIN was also centre stage in the playground having travelled to other primary schools across the Borough during the spring and summer term, so all children know where to put their rubbish when out and about.