

Composting Quidditch

This is a run-around game for large groups of around 20 children.

You will need

- A large, clear, indoor or outdoor space
- Carpet or coloured tape
- Headbands, with picture cards of compostable materials (apples, newspaper, orange peel etc) glued or attached with velcro.
- Two similar headbands with plain red cards attached.
- Five compost caddies or similar containers marked as “Sun”, “Water”, “Air”, “Mini-beasts” and “Micro-organisms”.
- Several cards depicting “Sun”, “Water”, “Air”, “Mini-beasts” and “Micro-organisms”, placed inside the marked caddies.

1. Before you begin, mark out a clear, rectangular pitch with tape.
2. Pick five children to be the “Sun”, “Water”, “Air”, “Mini-beasts” and “Micro-organisms” bases. Explain to the group about the role of these elements in the composting process. These children stand around the pitch spaced equally apart, holding up the caddies/containers filled with picture cards.
3. Split the rest of the children into two teams and position them at opposite ends of the pitch. On “Go!”, the players must run round the pitch, collecting a picture card from each of the bases – the winners are the first team back to the line. Every player must have **all five** picture cards each. Check before you declare the winning team.
4. Between rounds, the children walk round the pitch returning the cards to the correct caddies. Swap the children on the bases between rounds, as children quickly get bored standing still.
5. Once the group understand the game, you can introduce the sixth “landfill” base. Pick one or two players (depending on the size of the group) to wear the red card headbands and be wicked wasters/landfill bludgers, who tag other players, sending them to the landfill base, where they must wait, out of the game, for the rest of the round.
7. At the end the round, you can show the group the number of players at the landfill base, and discuss the amount that has been unnecessarily wasted by not composting.