



City of Gothenburg

Cayman's Birthday and Other Activities about Waste for Children

School as is an important target group for the City of Gothenburg to reduce waste and to increase recycling and reuse. The Department of Sustainable Water and Waste Management provide different materials or field trips depending of age and interest, in some cases by visiting schools if they have a special request. The main themes are water, sewage, waste and sustainable consumption.

Examples of field trips are Sewage plant (a guided tour, film and discussions, target group 10-11 years old) and Environment and waste (visiting an incineration plant, target group 14 years and older)

A number of books have been developed:

- Foodwaste – Matina (a story about a foodwaste paper bag).
- Composting – “Den magiska komposten” (a story about a magical compost).
- Water and sewage – Latrino (a story about a toilet, the water drop H2O and a water tap).
- Sustainable consumption – Cayman's Birthday (read more below).

All books and field trips are free of charge.

Cayman's birthday

There's an old Indian proverb that says "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." These words contain wisdom that we should not lose sight of in life's crazy hurly-burly. With this book we hope to present alternative ways of thinking around children's parties and presents. Because we all want our kids to borrow the Earth from their children, too. Don't we?

Cayman is about to turn 6 years old. All he wishes for is big and many, many presents. To his disappointment some of his friends arrive to the party almost empty handed. The first guest gives him a membership in a bicycle pool. He thinks – How can I ride a bike in a swimming pool? Of course he gets an answer to that. The other presents he gets is a second hand teddy bear, nice shoes that just need a little mending, tickets to the movies and a course in how to clean up your room. In short terms; mending, reusing and sharing both experiences and things. Cayman ends up very happy and satisfied with his gifts.

Besides the story of Cayman there are facts and inspiration at the end of the book. Schools can order the book for free and the target group is children age 6-9 years and their parents (every child gets one copy to bring it home).

More information:

Cayman's birthday (in English):

http://www.envarldutansopor.nu/sites/kretslopp/files/file/Caymansbirthday_eng.pdf