

General Gus and Recy Rex at Orchard County

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Welcome to Orchard County Primary School! This is where the children learn, play, and meet the two friendliest, hungriest monsters you'll ever see. They live right here, helping everyone keep the playground tidy. Meet General Gus and Recy Rex!



Every day at break time, Poppy loved to sit under the big oak tree for her packed lunch. Today she had a banana skin, a clean plastic yoghurt pot, and a sticky crisp packet. Lunch was lovely, but now, where should all this rubbish go?



Poppy was chatting away to her friend, Alistair. She rushed over to the nearest bin, which was General Gus, the General Waste monster. She held the banana skin, the crisp packet, and the yoghurt pot all ready to drop them in!



“Hold on, Poppy!” rumbled General Gus. He was trying to say, “GENERAL WASTE: KEEP OTHER STUFF OUT!” He didn't mind the crisp packet, but the plastic pot and the banana skin would make his tummy hurt because they didn't belong!



Just in time, a cheerful voice shouted, “Wait a moment, mate! Let’s sort this mess out!” It was Recy Rex, the recycling monster, bouncing over to help. He was always happy to see clean plastic and paper.



"Hello, Poppy! I'm Recy Rex, and I only eat things we can turn into something new," he explained with a big, green grin. "I love clean plastic pots, bits of card, and paper! They are yummy and help the planet!"



Poppy dropped the clean yoghurt pot right into Recy Rex's mouth. CRUNCH! Then she looked at the other bits. "What about the banana skin and the crisp packet, General Gus?" she asked.



General Gus smiled a little. “I only eat the bits left over that can’t be recycled or composted. Things like those sticky crisp packets, dirty tissues, and food waste like that banana skin—they’re all mine!”



Remember, Orchard County Primary School needs your help! Keep our school tidy. Look closely at your rubbish, choose the right bin, and never, ever litter! Let's keep Gus and Rex smiling!