

Fantastic Like Finlay

The Boy Who Is Saving Our Planet
One Step at a Time

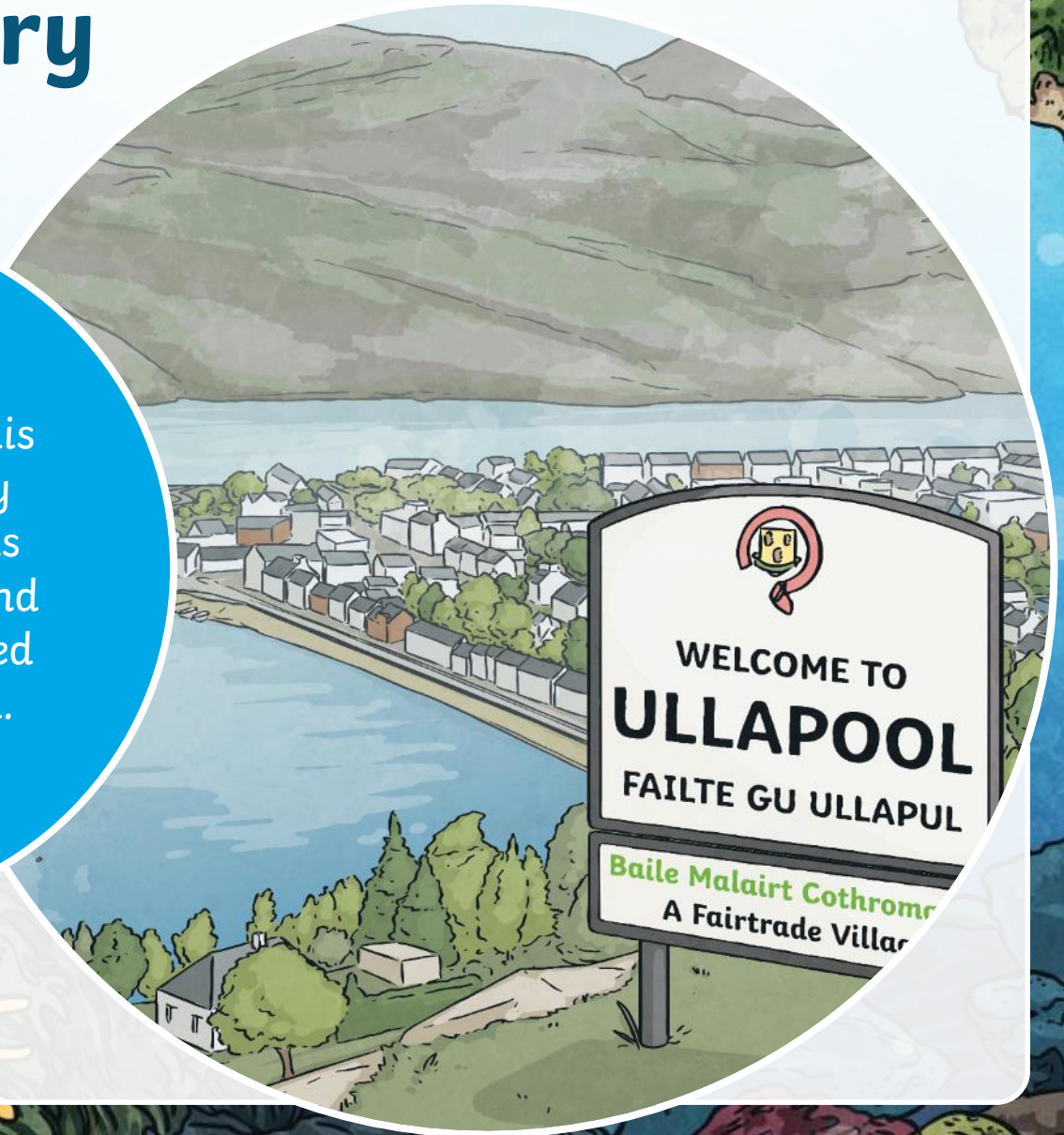


Finlay's Message



Finlay's Story

Finlay started off his life as an ordinary boy, living with his sister, Ella, mum and dad in a place called Ullapool, Scotland.



Finlay's Story

Finlay and Ella's dad studied ecology so Finlay grew up understanding that the marine environment, land and all living things were linked.

Finlay became fascinated with the sea creatures and convinced his parents to take him snorkelling in the sea.

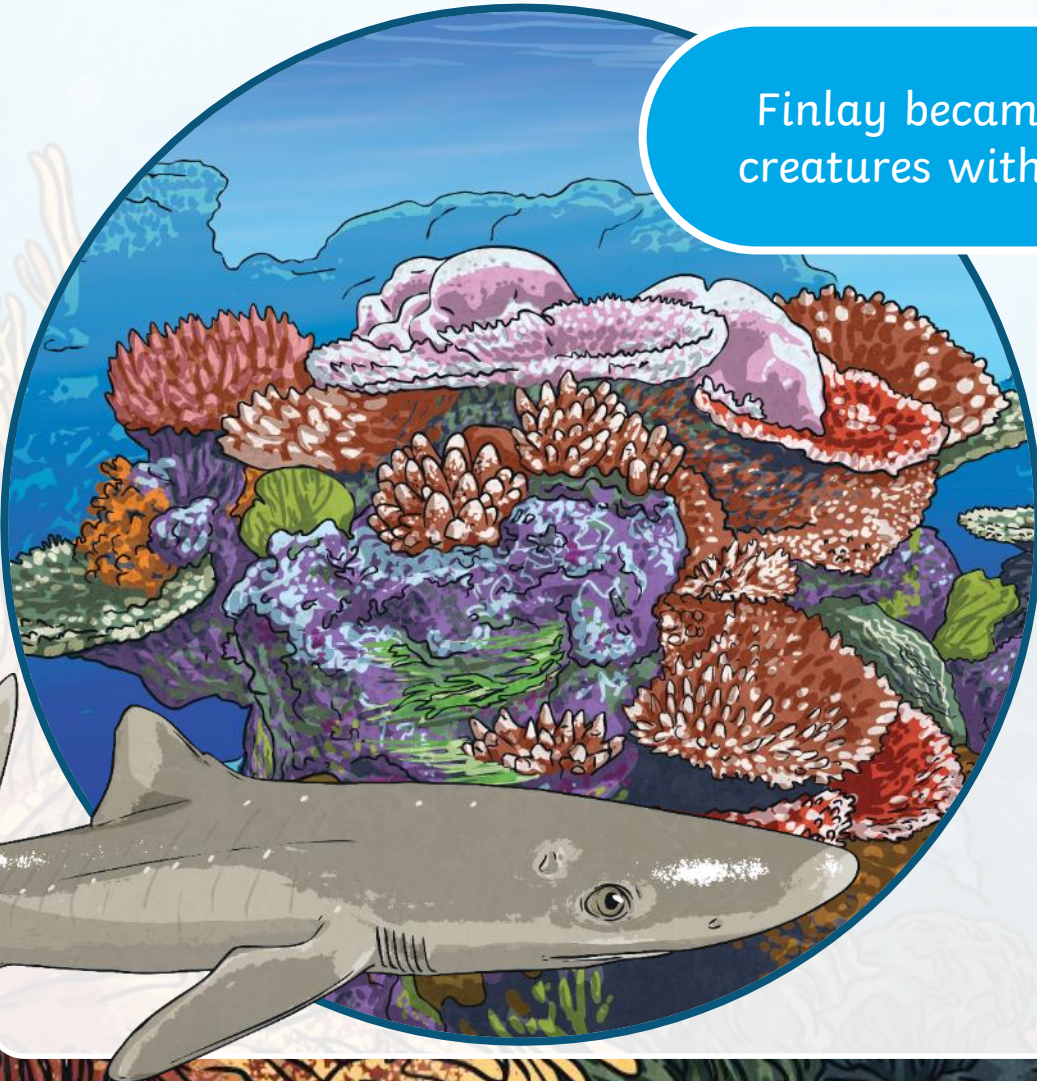
This lit a spark for Finlay and his love of marine life was born.



Finlay's Story

Finlay became more interested in sea creatures with a special love of sharks.

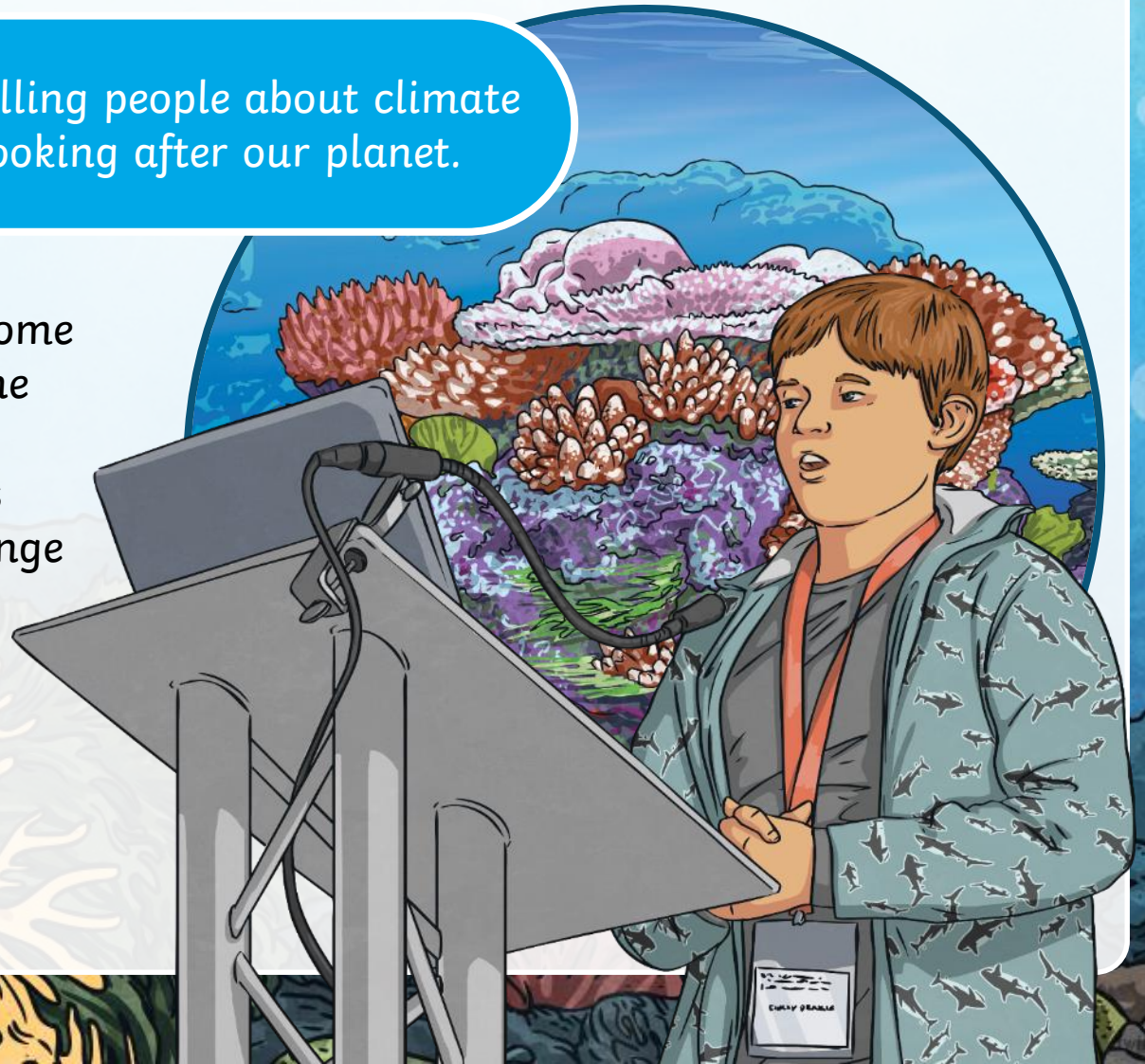
Like many children, he watched the BBC's Blue Planet II and this made Finlay determined to protect sharks and other creatures in our oceans.



Finlay's Story

Finlay started telling people about climate change and looking after our planet.

He has gone on to become a shark ambassador, he takes part in peaceful protests and he speaks out about climate change to politicians.



Sharks

Finlay has been chosen as a Sea Shepherd Global Conservation Shark Ambassador because he has spoken out to protect them so much.

He has campaigned to stop restaurants serving shark fin soup and speaks about why sharks should be protected.

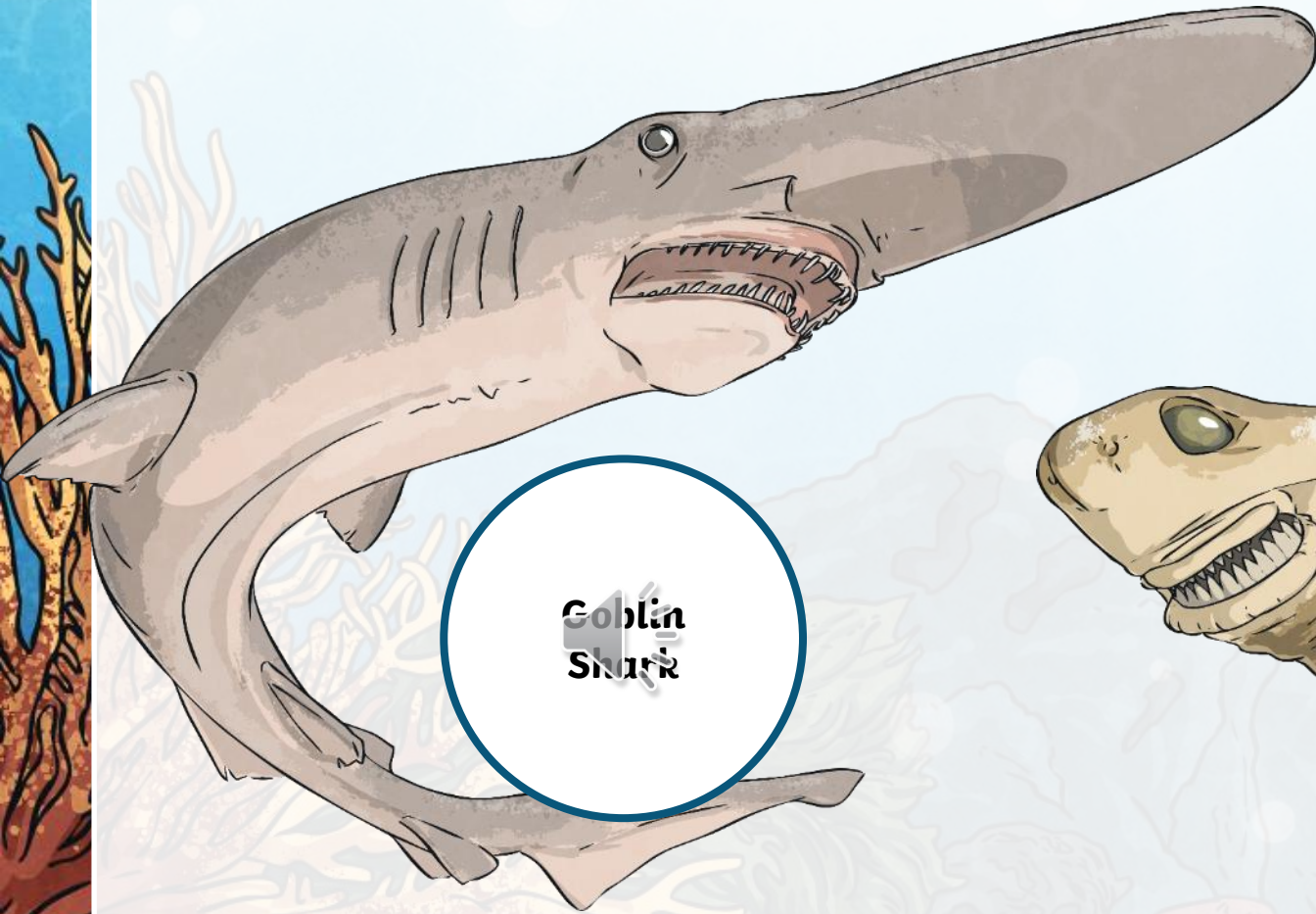


Fascinating Fact:

Many people think that sharks are very scary and they hurt lots of people. However, more people die every year from taking selfies, than they do from shark attacks.

Sharks

A couple of Finlay's Favourites:



Goblin
Shark

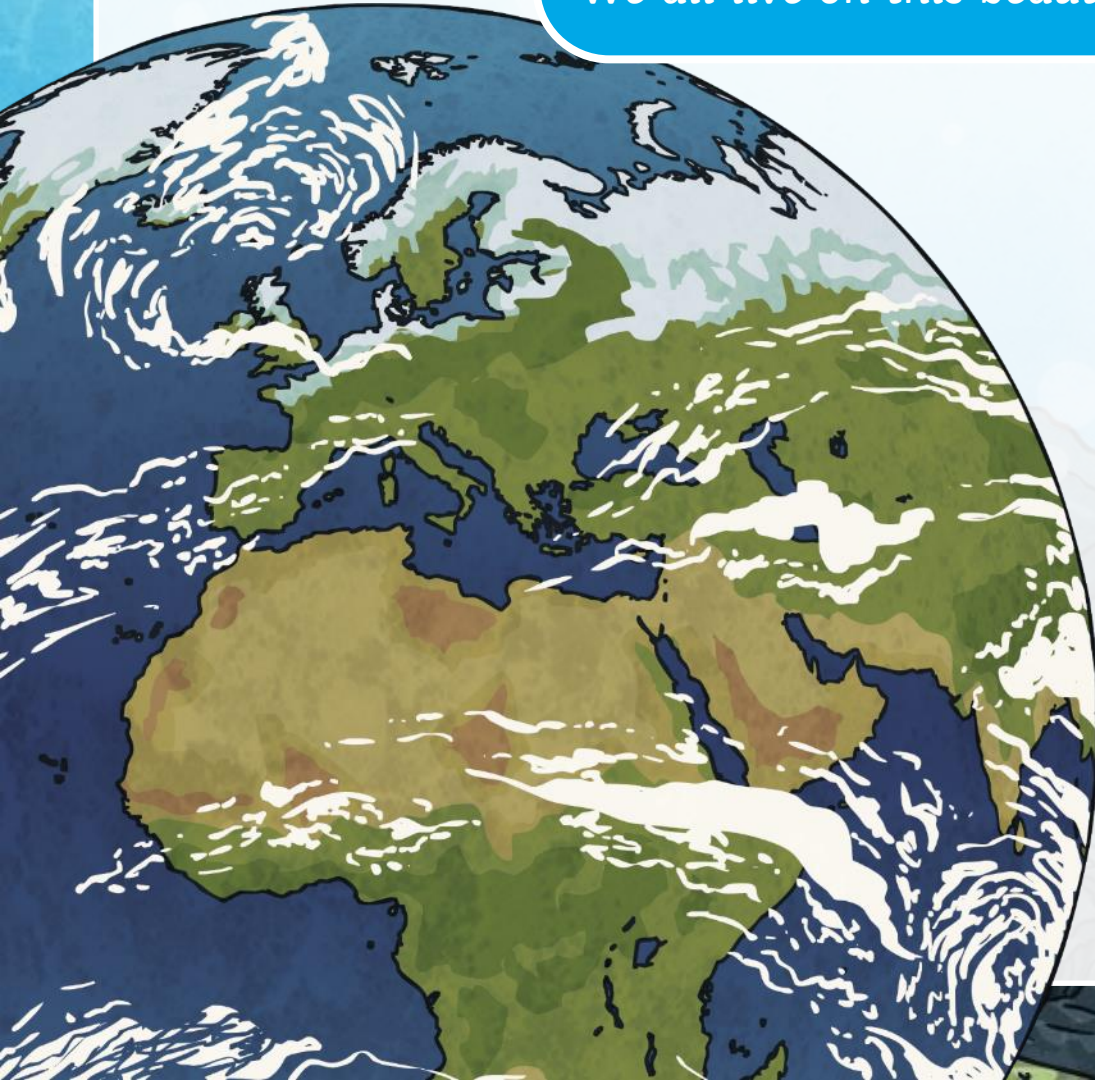


Cookie
Cutter
Shark

Our Planet

We all live on this beautiful planet, called planet Earth.

All of the living things, including plants and people, soil and air make up our planet and work together.

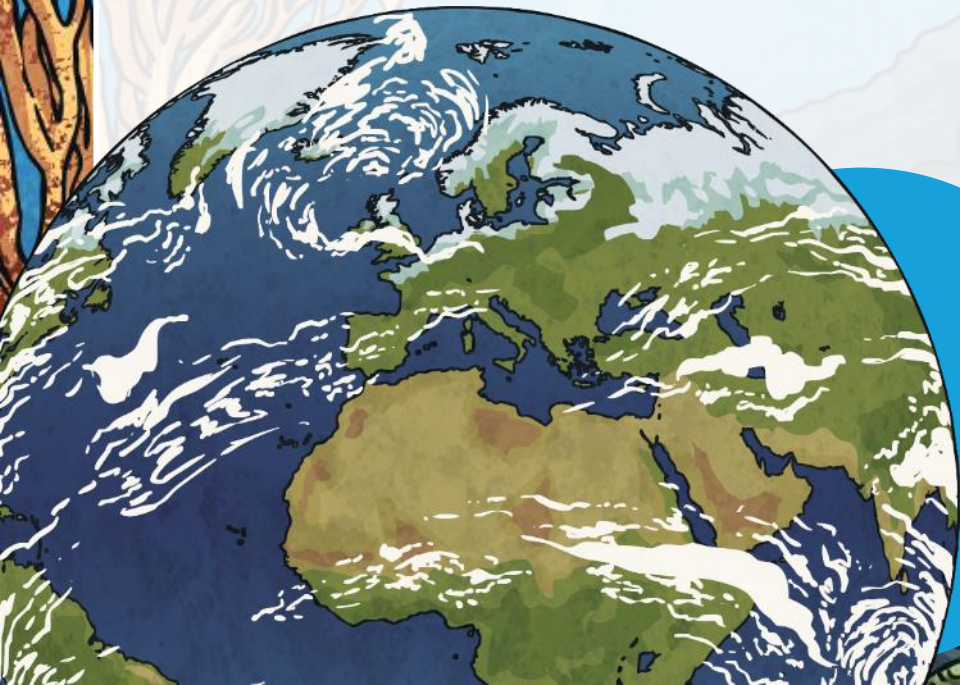


Our Planet

As people, we are causing harm to our planet.

We are:

We are cutting down trees to make space for other things, such as crops, livestock and buildings. Trees do a great job to clean our air and seaweed does the same job in our oceans, so we need to protect these to keep our planet healthy.



What Could Go Wrong?

Finlay talked about ecology; this is the study of how living things interact with one another and the environment around them.



There Is No Planet B

Finlay is very keen for everyone to stop and think about our planet and start taking steps to protect it.

Finlay has chosen to take part in a strike every week; this is where people stop doing something so that others notice.

Finlay and lots of other children strike because they were inspired by another child, called Greta Thunberg. Greta was a 15 year old who really wanted to make a difference, just like Finlay.



There Is No Planet B

Greta decided she wanted adults to listen to her wishes and so she decided to strike from her school one Friday, to make the adults stop and take notice. She made a sign to let people know that she was striking for climate change.

Greta carried on doing this and other children joined her. Now, children all over the world are starting to strike and this group is called Fridays For Future.

Finlay takes part in the strike each week and makes his own signs. One of his signs says:

There's no planet B'



Finlay's Climate Change Adventures

Finlay has visited lots of places and travelled a lot to get his message across. Here are some of the places he has visited:

Click each to find out more.

Glasgow

Vancouver

Rutland Water

Aberdeen

Lausanne

London

Edinburgh

Strasbourg

Sheffield

Ullapool

How Can You Help?

Finlay has been inspired by his parents and their advice

“Finlay, be yourself, be kind and try your best at everything you do.”



Hand Promises

Finlay is one boy, standing up for what he believes in and choosing to make a difference.

Finlay is choosing to be fantastic and we can all be **fantastic like Finlay!**

Everybody here is going to make a hand promise, this is called a **pledge**. We are all going to promise to help our beautiful planet by choosing to do one small thing, then keeping our promise and doing it all of the time. We will **'live it, say it, do it'**.

- You could choose to pick up rubbish instead of walking past it, or cycle more to school.
- Adults at school will be joining in and will be spotting you carrying out these small changes that will make a big difference.
- Adults at home can share pictures of you being fantastic like Finlay online so others can be inspired.





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