

St. Eithne's School Green Schools Project.

Vision and Aims

St. Eithne's Green Schools Committee was established in order to highlight and to prioritise environmental issues within the school. Its principal aim is to encourage staff and pupils to think and act responsibly re. the protection of the environment. It is also the hope of the committee that the school will both earn the honour of the Green Flag and renew this commitment on a bi-annual basis.

Practical Elements of the Council

- Pupils from all classes are invited to become members of the council at the beginning of the school year. Other members of the council include; one staff member and one community worker.
- Meetings of the committee take place twice every month during lunch-time and additional meetings and committee-related activities are on-going throughout the month.
- Issues discussed during council meetings include the development of the school's annual action plan as well as the initiatives already in place by the committee throughout the school.

'Green' Policies in Place in the School

1. Classroom waste is separated in to four areas; tetra-pak cartons, organic waste, paper waste and general waste.
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2. Pupils take home waste from lunches in their lunch-boxes.
3. Pupils and teachers are energy aware and try to restrict their usage of electrical appliances and water where possible.
4. The garden area is maintained at lunch-times by members of the Green Schools' Committee as well as ancillary staff.
5. Organic waste is collected in to compost bins, stored in the yard area.
6. An annual clean-up day is held in the school where parents and other community members are encouraged to help clean-up and maintain school grounds

Review

The operation and policies of the committee are reviewed on an annual basis by the teacher with responsibility for the committee. They will be amended and prioritised in favour of the best interests of the school.
