



St Kilian's Community School

Green School Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

This was another productive year for the Green Schools Committee in St. Kilian's CS.

- The **Committee** got back up and running in September continuing to raise awareness of environmental issues, in particular, **energy consumption**.
- A **Green Schools Noticeboard** was created and information was, and is continually added to by the committee to highlight green issues and foster awareness amongst the student body and staff. Students are asked to try and have a read or look at this regularly.
- In October, the '**Bin It**' roadshow came to the school to present to the 1st and 2nd Years. This highly entertaining show tries to make students think about the effects of littering and the damage that it causes to an area. The 4th Year student went to the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun for a workshop. The **Rediscovery Centre** is the national centre for the circular economy. It is a creative space for connecting people, ideas and resources.
- The Committee, with the help of the 4th year Environmental Studies class, carried out a number of **surveys** in the classrooms of the schools to make sure bins were being used correctly and to see if teachers were turning off lights and computers at the end of the school day. All results were displayed on the **Green Schools noticeboard**. During the same period all computers in the school were labelled with 'Switch Off' reminders to help teachers to do this as they can be a little forgetful!
- After the Christmas break, a large group of students went to the **Green Schools Expo in the RDS**. This exhibition focused on Climate Action and what we can do in our schools, home and communities to combat climate change.
- The committee throughout the year continued to do the **composting** from the staff room and from the breakfast club and evening studies tea room and they all like their tea! The Environmental Studies student carried out an enormous amount of gardening during the year in the school courtyard and the community garden at the entrance of the school.
- In April, the Transition Year students and 6LCA took part in the **National Spring Clean**. This is an annual event that the school participates in around the Ballywaltrim area and they removed a huge amount of litter. They can be very proud of their efforts.
- A **workshop from Global Action Plan** in relation to tackling water use, waste and conservation was given to all Transition Year students. The idea of this workshop was to equip students with the knowledge and skills to respond to the growing global need to reduce water consumption.
- As part of their **CSPE Action project**, a number of classes in the school raised awareness about many environmental issues, in particular, 'Endangered Animals' (causes, affects and plans to combat the problem) and 'Climate Change' (The effects in Developing Countries). Students have really benefited from doing these projects.

These are some of the events that the St Kilian's students took part in throughout this school year, well done to all involved and keep up the great work.