

Scoil na mBuachailli, Cloich na Coillte , Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Scoil na Mbuachailli is a medium sized primary boys school located in Clonakilty, Co. Cork. When formulating the Green School committee, the teachers decided to get each class to nominate 6 boys and have a closed voting system. The 2 boys from each class who received the most votes gained a place on the committee.

All classes are represented on the committee, which also consists of the Deputy Principal, the caretaker and the Green Schools co-ordinator.



To find out how much rubbish the school was producing, students carried out an environmental review of the school as regards litter and waste. Through the use of a litter survey and questionnaire, the school was able to identify the main areas of concern. They decided on what action could/should be done, recorded their findings and reported back to the committee.

The boys decided who would do each job and the time scale. They typed the plan on the computer and displayed the results on the Green Schools notice board at reception, which helped to inform the whole school community of the activities and progress of the Green Schools committee.

The school introduced a recycling policy and set up three bins in each classroom. Each bin has a label which clearly states its purpose and class. There is a recycle bin for clean, dry paper and plastics, a milk carton bin and a compost bin.

In order to keep the whole school community informed about the schools efforts to reduce litter and waste, a number of actions were taken; each class was given a verbal report by their committee member; teachers were given letters to explain the main targets that involved their classes e.g. writing school slogan/code, National Recycle week etc.; Progress was shown on the Green School notice board in reception; Parents were informed about Green School issues

in a monthly home school newsletter called Links; The principal informed the Board of Management regarding the Green schools progress.; Ms. Áilín Quinlan, reporter for *The Irish Examiner*, wrote an article on the work carried out in Scoil na mBuachailí for the Green Schools initiative.

Teachers and committee members discussed many ideas for the school's Day of Action. Mr. Teddy Brown from Cork Council spoke to 1st to 6th class about recycling and Green Schools. All classes and members of staff were involved.





Scoil na mBuachailí created a clever and effective Green Code:

Recycle all clean dry paper, plastic, cartons and cans.

Every page is used on both sides.

Compost.

Yard is kept litter free.

Classrooms are kept clean.

Lights are turned off at break time.

Everyone helps.