

Eco-Schools Primary Environmental Review

Summary

St. Dallan's Primary School 2020/2021

Our Eco-Council got together to complete our Environmental Review for this year. Below you will find the summary of what we found.

Our three main topics that we are putting into an Action Plan are:

- Waste (continuing with litter) - Major
- Biodiversity
- Healthy Living

WASTE:

- Some information is sent out to parents via school website/ text message, but not all.
- Ensure all teachers have a scrap paper drawer for all children to access.
- Although there are enough bins, each class doesn't have a specific recycling bin. We would like to get new bins for each class that are used strictly for recycled materials. Collected by eco-council member or recycling monitor from each class.
- Complete a waste audit before bins are introduced, and again each term to monitor impact.
- Waste Week- March 2021

BIODIVERSITY:

- Plants and vegetables are not growing as we would like in our school garden. We think we need fresher/ healthier soil with more nutrients therefore we would like to replace the soil to encourage the growth of new plants and vegetables.

- Our bug-hotel hasn't been as looked after as we would like. We would like to work together to build a new one with lots of leaves and sticks for the bugs to eat and live in.
- There is a lot of biodiversity in our local area – parks and sea etc. P3 children will go on an organised trip to Warrenpoint park to look at range of biodiversity. This links in well with their biodiversity topic.

HEALTHY LIVING:

- We think Healthy Living is one of the most important topics because it affects all our well-beings.
- We would like to invite external Agencies such as 'Fitness Freddy' and 'The Dairy Council' in to do different workshops. We also love our PE sessions with our teachers and coaches so would like to continue that.
- Each class has been doing the Daily Mile around our school which we love. We want to continue to promote this again this year.
- In school we have the Blossom room for children to do Occupational Therapy. This also acts as a Trauma room for some children to relax in and have a time out. In our classrooms we all have PATHs lessons which helps us to keep calm and deal with problems in a sensible way. To add to this, we would like to organise a 'Mindfulness Week' and a 'Mental Health Awareness Week' for all children to participate in.