

21 North Tipperary Schools awarded Green Flags!

The Green Schools Programme in Ireland shows no sign of slowing down as **21** schools from North Tipperary were awarded the coveted Green Flag at an awards ceremony in Limerick recently.

5 schools were awarded a Green Flag for the first time for their efforts in tackling litter and waste. These schools are, Ballinahinch National School, Kilbarron National School, Rahealty National School, Rearcross National School and St. Therese' National School, Borrisoleigh. 7 schools received their second green flag for carrying out energy conservation programmes in their school. The schools are: Scoil Angela, Thurles, Scoil Mhuire, Thurles, Bishop Harty National School, Ballinree, Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea, Scoil Mochaomhog, Two-Mile- Borris, St. Colmcille's Primary School, Templemore and St. Flannan's National School, Roscrea.

4 schools received their third flag for working on the water theme, learning about on water pollution and water conservation, these include Inch National School, Moyne National School, and Convent Newport Primary School.

Congratulations also to 5 schools who received their 4th green flag for sustainable travel. They are Ballina National School, Leugh National School, Lismackin National School, St. Mary's Convent Primary School and Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles.

This brings the total number of Green Flags in the North Tipperary to a very impressive **60!**

Green-Schools is the Irish branch of an international environmental education programme and award scheme known as Eco-Schools. The Green Schools Programme is co-ordinated in Ireland by An Taisce. The scheme offers a well-defined, controllable way to take environmental issues from the curriculum and apply them to the day-to-day running of the school. This process helps students to recognise the importance of environmental issues and take them more seriously in their personal and home lives. Green-Schools in North Tipperary is run in conjunction with North Tipperary County Council.

Congragulating schools at the awards ceremony, Deirdre Cox, Environmental Awareness Officer for North Tipperary County Council said

“The amount of enthusiasm and effort the children put in to their litter and waste, energy , water and travel programmes in their schools is great to see and they are helped along the way with guidance from committed teachers, parents and caretakers in order to create an effective Green Schools Programme. The children are very aware of the difference they are making to their local environment and they bring this information and knowledge not only into their schools but also into their homes and they spread the word to the wider communities.”

For further information on how to become involved in Green Schools, contact Deirdre Cox, Community and Enterprise Secion, North Tipperary County Council on (067) 44889.

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