

# Ballymoney Nursery School

## Eco schools Newsletter



TERM 1, 2021-22



### OUR ECO SCHOOL ACTION PLAN 2021-22

Our Eco School Action Plan focuses on **Waste, Water and Biodiversity**. This term we have been focusing on **waste** and **water** as well as re-establishing our **Eco School Committee**!

Eco Committee Members



Ms McCarron  
Class Teacher

Mrs Trimmings  
Principal

Miss Johnston  
Nursery  
Assistant

Miss McAlonan  
Classroom  
Assistant

Mrs McCoudig  
Board of  
Governors

Eco Committee Pupil Members



### WATER

To reduce the amount of water that we use in school, in particular in our outdoor areas, we purchased a water butt for each outdoor area. When they arrived in school, our pupil Eco Committee members eagerly told their class all about them and how they would be used in the playground.

They are used for our mud kitchens, water wall, painting and watering plants!

### STAFF PROMPTS

To help reduce the use of water in school, we created posters to remind the staff when using the kitchen sink and washing machines!

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#### Washing Machines

- Fully load machines before use
- Use half load / economy setting to save water, energy and carbon emissions



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#### Kitchen Sink



- Turn off the taps tightly when not in use
- Report dripping taps to the Building Supervisor
- Only fill the kettle to the amount needed
- Report dripping taps to the Building Supervisor
- Use a washing up bowl to rinse and peel vegetables or to wash dishes
- Reuse water in the garden

### Our Pupil Eco-Committee Members proudly told their classes about the water butts



## WASTE UPDATE

Our major project this year is based on Waste! We want to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill and to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers for providing us with email addresses and consenting to using the school messaging app-this has helped us drastically reduce the amount of paper we use as we can send our letters and newsletters electronically.

We have started recycling our food waste. This will help us reduce the amount of Carbon Dioxide being released into the atmosphere!



## PARTNERING WITH RECYCLE FOR KICKS COUNT NI

This year we have further developed our links with recycle for Kicks Count NI. As part of the various Teracycle schemes, we collect the cheese, cracker, biscuit wrappers that we use during snack as well as our disposable gloves and then donate them to Recycle for Kicks Count NI who recycle them with Teracycle.

## CASH FOR CLOBBER

Thank you to everyone who donated bagged clobber as part of our Cash for Clobber initiative which we participated in with Cookstown Textile Recyclers. We are delighted to have collated 300kg of clobber!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Our children grow out of their school uniform and in many occasions they are then no longer worn. Unwanted clothes can be responsible for water pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and landfill therefore we are going to host a swap shop from January. If you have any uniform that no longer fits your child, please consider taking part. If you would like to you can swap it for another uniform item we may have. If you don't have anything to swap, all items will be sold for **£1** each and the money raised will go towards paying for our biodiversity project.

## REUSING PAPER AND CARD

Within school, there is a focus of reusing card, paper and cut offs in class as part of collages and creative work. We would ask that you consider donating any Christmas cards that you get this Christmas to us in the New Year. These will be used to develop cutting skills and will be reused here next Christmas.

Please also think about sending in your empty cereal boxes as we will be able to use the cardboard for drawing and creating pictures!