

## Galbally National School – Green Schools Action Plan 2024-2026

<i><b>Action</b></i>	<i><b>Timeframe</b></i>	<i><b>Responsibility</b></i>	<i><b>Progress</b></i>
Inform entire school community that we are beginning work on our sixth green schools Flag, Theme: Global citizenship Litter and waste Elect committee.	Term 1 2024 (Sept. – Dec.)	Mrs Leahy (through Galbally NS Forums) and Staff	
Carry out environmental review for Litter and waste	Terms 1 (Sept.- Dec) 2024	Green Schools Committee	
Maintain monitoring of litter, energy and water usage and check for any increases in cost	Ongoing	Catherine Greenschools Co-ordinator and Green Schools Committee	Ongoing
Ensure classes are using bin system correctly –3 bins in every classroom (compost, recycling & waste)	Monitored Daily	All staff and children	Ongoing
Promote ‘Green Code’ competition (to include emphasis on Global litter and waste management, energy and water saving and sustainable travel)	Term 2 (Jan 2024)	Whole School	
Present and Display findings of Environmental Review and monitoring;	Throughout Term 3 (to June 2024)-Term 1 (from Sept. 2024)	Green Schools Committee	
Whole School Approach to units of work on Food around the world	December 2024/January 2025	Green School Committee	
Maintain “Turn it Off” signs at sinks, electrical sources/appliances throughout school	Ongoing	Green Schools Committee	Ongoing

Develop awareness around “Preparing for nature’s reawakening” (1. Planning growing spaces, 2. Seasonal Action (e.g. buying seeds, taking cuttings from fruit bushes), 3. Birdboxes/feeders)	January 2025	Senior Green School Committee members, Greenschools Co-ordinator, Mr. Kearney	Ongoing
Composting (ensuring correct items are composted and compost is 2/3 brown and dry [leaves, straw] 1/3 green)	Checked Daily (emptied and washed on Fridays)	Senior Green School Committee members (bring in straw etc. when necessary)	Ongoing
Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of “Park and Stride” options	Ongoing	Whole school community	Ongoing
Monitor I-Pad energy usage-eliminate unnecessary charging	Ongoing	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Rota	ongoing
Circulate useful websites etc. re: Global citizenship to school body	February/March 2025	Green Schools Committee	
Whole school approach to developing understanding of Frogspawn and Amphibians (incl. local or regional experts where possible [with Covid restrictions etc.]	February 2025	Whole School Community	(engagement with expert, if possible)
Emptying and Leaving out bins (Recycling and Waste)	Monday mornings	SNAs and 6 <sup>th</sup> class boys	Ongoing
Collect and display data on biodiversity in the local community (eg. bug hotels in local community, designated wildflower locations etc.)	March/April 2025	Green Schools Committee (and prior work of Tidy Towns)	
Register for Team Limerick Clean Up	March 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator and Tidy Towns Committee	
Continue to ensure litter is eliminated-particular attention to litter blackspots (adding side and back of new prefab and new building to blackspot list)	Daily	Class teachers and teacher/staff on yard duty	Ongoing

Developing whole school awareness and education on pollination (pollinators in our school), partaking in FIT audit ( <i>Flower-Insect-Timed</i> Counts)	March/April 2025	Greenschools Committee, All teachers	
Participate in Team Limerick Clean Up	April 2025	Whole School Community and Tidy Towns Committee	
Continue to promote Cycling as a means of smarter travel, encouraging use of cycle shelter.	Ongoing	Teachers, staff, pupils and parents	
Promote re-usable drinks and lunchboxes in both in school and in wider community (e.g. reusable hot drinks container initiative in local retail outlet-combating disposal of polythene cups)	Ongoing	Tidy Towns Committee, Green Schools Committee, Cummins' Shop	
Observing Spring Arrivals: Increase in wildlife in local environment (eg. spotter sheets for spring migrants (eg. swallows) and April flowers.	April 2025	Greenschools Committee	
Facilitate Environmental Presentation in school (on the importance of Global foods)	May 2025	Green School Committee and Mrs. Leahy	
Continue work on planting and maintenance of flower beds, trees etc.	Ongoing	Green Schools Committee, Mr. Kearney, senior pupils	Ongoing
Present outline of this year's work to all classes	June 2025	Green Schools Committee	
Elect new Green Schools Committee and present to assembly	September 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator, Mr. Kearney and Green schools committee	
Consider/plan for the possibility of tree planting, or	Term 1 2025	Mr. Kearney, Greenschools Co-	

creation of new garden area (potentially at back of school)		ordinator and Green schools committee	
Observing and Auditing hedges, fruits and trees	September 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator and Green schools Committee	
Seeds: Physical and data collection of seeds on trees in local environment (eg. oak, hazel, horse-chestnut, beech etc.)	October 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator & Green School Committee	
Introduce weighing bins	Sept/Oct 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator & Green School Committee	
Our Local Tree's Leaves (carry out tree inventory of the school campus)	November 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator & Green School Committee	
Encourage whole school community to make 'Global citizen pledges'	December 2025/January 2026	Green School Committee will promote to whole school community	
Carry out Gobar citizenship quiz in each class	During Term 1 2026	Class teachers & green schools committee members	
Updating of notice board – photos, events, surveys etc.	Weekly	Mrs Leahy (yr 1)/Greenschools Co-ordinator (yr.2) & Green Schools Committee	Ongoing
Increase awareness of importance of biodiversity actions in both school and at home (e.g. leaving a corner of lawn unmowed etc.)	Ongoing (using noticeboard, posters, leaflets etc.)	Green Schools Committee	Ongoing

Arrange renewal green flag visit	January 2026	Greenschools Co-ordinator & Green Schools Committee	
Invite guest speakers to school to impart their knowledge of flora and fauna of the area (a grandparent, or grandparents, if possible)	January/Feb 2026	Green schools committee (incorporated into grandparents' day)	
Global citizenship Litter and waste Themed 'Day/Week of Action'	Term 1 2026	Whole School Community	Date to be decided
Complete application form for green flag for Global citizenship Litter and waste	February/March 2026	Green School Committee	Liaise with An Taisce Inspector prior to this
Register for Team Limerick Clean Up	March 2026	Green Schools Committee (collaborate with Tidy Towns)	
Carry Out Trail with green school committee members and interested members of the community	March/April 2026	Green Schools Committee (liaising with Tidy Towns)	
Liaise with community organisations re: possible projects to collaborate on (e.g. Tidy Towns, Men's Shed etc. for example building of birdboxes, raised beds, bug hotels etc.	Ongoing	Green Schools Committee, Local Groups	Ongoing
Present outline of year's work to each class	June 2026	Green Schools Committee	