

Galbally National School – Green Schools Action Plan 2025-2026

<i>Action</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Progress</i>
Maintain monitoring of litter, energy and water usage and check for any increases in cost. New laminated posters put up in all classes about using correct bins	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
Present and Display findings of Environmental Review and monitoring;	Throughout Term 3 (to June 2025)	Green Schools 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
Introduce SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) to all classes	Term 2 2025	Senior Green school committee, All teachers Greenschool co-ordinator, Mr Kearney	
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 th Class Rota	ongoing

Circulate useful websites etc. re: Global citizenship to school body	February/March 2025	Green Schools Committee	ongoing
Whole school approach to developing understanding of Frogspawn and Amphibians (incl. local or regional experts where possible)	February 2025	Whole School Community	(engagement with expert, if possible)
Emptying and Leaving out bins (Recycling and Waste)	Monday mornings	SNAs and 6 th class boys	Ongoing
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	Completed
Participate in Team Limerick Clean Up with Local Tidy towns	April 2025	Whole School Community and Tidy Towns Committee	Completed
Continue to promote Cycling as a means of smarter travel, encouraging use of cycle shelter.	Ongoing	Teachers, staff, pupils and parents	Completed
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-combatting disposal of polythene cups)	Ongoing	Tidy Towns Committee, Green Schools Committee, Cummins' Shop	Ongoing
Observing Spring Arrivals: Increase in wildlife in local environment (eg. spotter sheets for spring migrants (eg. swallows) and April flowers.	April 2025	Greenschools Committee	Completed

Fisheries of Ireland- all pupils visited our local river to examine how healthy the water is for living things			
Facilitate Cycling programme in school where 5 th and 6 th class learn the rules of cycling a bike on the roads	May 2025	Green School Committee and Mrs. Leahy	Completed
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	Completed
Elect new Green Schools Committee and present to assembly	September 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator, Mr. Kearney and Green schools committee	Completed
Consider/plan for the possibility of tree planting, or creation of new garden area (potentially at back of school)	Term 1 2025	Mr. Kearney, Greenschools Co-ordinator and Green schools committee	Ongoing
Observing and Auditing hedges, fruits and trees	September 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator and Green schools Committee	Ongoing
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	Ongoing
Monitoring waste in bins	Sept/Oct 2025	Greenschools Co-ordinator & Green School Committee	Ongoing
Blue Stars programme- Pupils in 3 rd -5 th class	November 2025- May 2026	Class teachers	Completed

Electrical upgrade for whole school	Novemember 2025		Completed
Encourage whole school community to make 'Global citizen pledges'	December 2025/January 2026	Green School Committee will promote to whole school community	Completed
Carry out Waste Free Wednesday	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 speaker Anita to school to impart their knowledge of Sustainable energy	March 2026	Green schools committee	
Global citizenship Litter and waste Themed Day 'Culture day	Term 2 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	