

Galbally NS Greenschool Report

We have really been enjoying and learning lots on new information with our flag Global citizenship Litter and waste that we have been working on for the past 2 years. We carried out surveys and audits which helped us with our Action plan. We have also been maintaining our other 5 flags. Litter and waste, Travel. Water, Energy and Biodiversity.

We have been learning about the 17 SDG's (Sustainable, Development Goals) We have studied these goals and we are trying to play our part in reaching the goals in partnership with the UN by 2030.

Goal 1 No poverty:

We took part in the shoe box appeal. We collected lots of shoe boxes filled with many treats and essentials and they were sent off to poor people around the world.

Goal 2: Zero hunger-

We grow our own vegetables in school. Dinner is cooked each year for 6th class from the vegetables we grow. This will help us to think of growing our own vegetables when we get older. We enjoy our free hot lunches and fruit in our school everyday

Goal 3 Good health and wellbeing.

We enjoy doing dancing, running, rugby, gymnastics and many wellbeing programmes like Mindful matters to help with our good health and wellbeing. We have a healthy eating policy in school and we try to eat healthy food

Goal 5: Gender equality:

In our school, everybody's voice is heard. On the Green school Committee your voice is heard. It's great to have a job. We also have a Students council in our school and everyone can bring their ideas to the meetings. I really enjoy the committee

Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy:

Last year we got solar panels in our school which is helping our Global citizenship. We also have committee members that turn off lights and screens at lunch everyday to help save energy

Goal 10: Reduce inequalities:

3rd- 5th class are taking part in the Blue stars programme. This is to educate us on other European countries. Every pupils picks a country and researches it culture, food, etc. On 24th April Billy Kelleher (MEP) is our VIP guest who is coming to tell us all about the EU. On the 4th May we are having a Culture day with Daniel where everyone will present their country and what they learned

Goal 13: Climate action: Another one of our action weeks was when last June 5th and 6th class took part in a 6 week cycle safety programme. We learned how to cycle safely, check our bikes and we were brought out on the road with the Cycle Ireland teachers. We did a test at the end of the 6 weeks. More people have been cycling to school when they can

Another action day was on the 3rd March. We had a whole school workshop on Sustainable energy with Aine Ni Fhlatharta. Juniors- 2nd learned where energy comes from and why and how we save energy. 3rd - 6th covered the following topics- the different laws of

energy, the benefits of sustainable energy and how science and technology can help reduce fossil fuel use. We really enjoyed this as we think this will really help us with our Global Litter and waste. We also are taking part in the WEE batteries and it's great to see we are helping the Laura Lynn foundation.

Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production:

We had a Waste Free Wednesday where we tried to have no waste on that day. We have the correct bins in every classroom. We have Litter Wardens and we check for rubbish every Friday.

Goal 14: Life below water:

This was another one of our action days. Our whole school went down to the local river with Fisheries Ireland and our local Tidy towns committee member Tim Ryan was there with us too. We examined the bed of the river and the fish and we discovered our river was very clean as there were many fish living in the water. This is a great sign that there is no pollution in the water. The older classes had a talk with the Fisheries Ireland team.

Goal 15: Life on land: -We are still working on Biodiversity. Planting wildflowers, we have our bird boxes and our own bug hotel. We are looking after all living things all the time. We are trying to save the bees.

Goal 16: Peace, Justice and strong institutions-

We have a kindness award which is given to someone in every classroom every fortnight. We also have Bi Cinealta where our 6th class designed the poster and everyone made a kindness pledge. We as a whole school promised to be kind to everyone.

Goal 17: Partnerships for the goal: We take part each year in the Team Limerick Clean up. We are in partnership with all of our County Limerick and also with our local Tidy towns committee member Tim Ryan from Galbally Tim also talks to everyone about taking care of our community and how important it is. We could not believe the amount of rubbish we found

Different classes learned about specific topics too.

Ms Looby's learned about Clothes around the world and How clothes are made

Mrs Leahy's learned about celebrating diversity , traditions/food/toys around the world. They used recyclable items to build bridges last year when they were learning about bridges

Ms Ryan/Mrs Byrnes/ Ms Davern are completing the Blue stars programme and other topics such as Transport around the world, tea and coffee, minding our planet, sustainability

Mr Kearney's learned about Trading around the world, Where and wear and staple food and crops

We really feel like we have learned a lot about litter and waste not just around us but all around the *Globe*. After doing the surveys in first and second year we feel we have learned a lot in the past two years. We understand how important it is to look after the world around us here in Galbally as it all helps with the bigger picture.

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Visit to the River

Examining the river bed





Team Limerick Clean up with our local Tidy towns chairperson Tim Ryan

