



Earth Day Newsletter



Week Beginning 22nd April 2024



On Monday 22nd April, we celebrated Earth Day. This year's theme is Planet vs Plastic, so with that in mind, each class thought about ways in which we could show our support for the environment, as well as reducing our use of plastics. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/eco-council/> for some photographs of the children in action.

During the week, the eco-councillors met as a group to share what had been going on around school and the discussions which had taken place in classes.

Reception

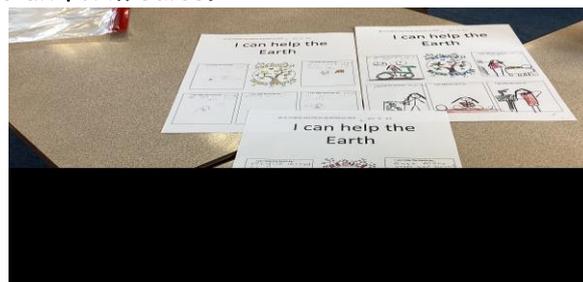
In Reception, the children have been busy discussing Earth Day and making Earth posters. They made models of our world using playdough and talked about recycling and keeping our planet clean.

Year 1

The children in Year One have been talking about recycling. They looked at a selection of packaging and identified how they can recycle waste by sorting it into different bins.

Year 2

The children created information posters in Year 2. They outlined ways in which we could look after our planet. Their ideas included turning the lights off, reading books instead of using technology, planting trees, walking or cycling to school and drinking from reusable bottles rather than single use plastic ones. Year 2 also talked about the importance of turning taps off to avoid wasting water, using material shopping bags and donating unwanted toys or clothes to charity, including bringing unwanted uniform into school for future uniform sales.



Year 3

By Alfie, Teddy, Holly and Charlotte

It was an art-themed Earth Day for the children in Year 3. We have created beautiful flowers and Earth Art using recycled and scrap paper. We have put forward to the Eco-Council the idea of litter picking on 22nd of each month. We have also suggested that using less single use plastic bottles and bringing snacks to school in reusable pots could help to reduce the use of plastic around school. We plan to enjoy being outdoors over the coming weeks to enjoy the natural environment.



Year 4

By Oscar, Evie, Arthur and Macie

In Year 4, we have made a pledge to collect single use plastic bottles from home. Instead of throwing them away, we have been bringing them into school so they can be used for the renovation of our Bug Hotel which will take place over the next few weeks. We have also been busy preparing the outdoor space and planting flowers and vegetables. We are looking forward to using the Reflective Garden for our Prayer and Liturgy times once the weather improves.



Year 5

By Ella, Zach, Joshua and Paschalis

Year 5 have been talking about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. Instead of using single use plastic bottles, we should try to use metal ones to reduce our use of plastic. We could also try to swap plastic utensils for wooden or sustainable alternatives.

Year 6

By Charlie, Niall, Pablo and Annabelle

In Year 6, we had a discussion and decided that we should try to use more natural light to cut back on electricity and make information posters about energy saving ideas. We would like to have a day when only scrap paper is used, and we would like to see people riding their bikes to school more often. We even thought of a 'Go Green' Day and making a mural out of plastic.