



## GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Just a quick note to inform you that San Carlo J.N.S is **currently working towards** a Green Schools Flag for the theme litter and waste. A Green Schools flag is awarded by An Taisce to schools that promote and acknowledge long- term, whole school action for the environment. It is the school's aim to reduce the volume of rubbish it currently creates.

To achieve this, the following initiatives have been set up in our school:

- A **Green Schools Committee** has been set up. The committee comprises of some pupils from each of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. The committee members will perform various duties such as
  1. Litter monitors
  2. Relaying information that will be discussed at meetings back to other pupils/ classes regarding recycling
  3. Informing other pupils of various upcoming environmental competitions and events
- A **Green Schools Noticeboard** is on display in the entrance hall. Its' purpose is to communicate information on Green Schools events and initiatives taking place in the school.
- **Michael Recycle** is our school mascot for recycling. Each week a 'green class' will be awarded the Michael Recycle teddy for their efforts.
- **Classroom Recycling** Two bins are in situ in each classroom, one rubbish bin and one recycling bin. The children are encouraged to place **recyclable waste only** in the recycling bin. They are encouraged to bring non- recyclable lunchbox waste **home**. Children are encouraged to put food waste in the brown compost bin at home if available.
- **Two Minute Tidy Up** an energetic tidy up is encouraged in each classroom daily before home time.
- **WEE Ireland** The school is promoting the recycling of batteries. Boxes have been ordered from WEE Ireland and the children are encouraged to bring in used batteries for recycling.
- **Jack and Jill Foundation**-The school is collecting old mobile phones for donation to the Jack and Jill Foundation. Children are encouraged to bring in old mobile phones for this cause.
- **Stamp Collection**- A basket is in place for the collection of used stamps. These stamps will be sent to the Irish Peatland Conservation Council.
- **National Spring Clean**- San Carlo J.N.S will be holding a Spring Clean day in April 2015. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

Finally, there is also a **Green Schools Ideas Box** placed at reception. All anonymous suggestions of how San Carlo J.N.S could become greener are welcome to be added to this box!

Yours sincerely,

Green Schools Committee (Ms. Culhane, Ms. Roche, Ms. Conroy)



### **Christmas Decoration Competition**

We are holding a Green Schools Christmas competition. Please help your child to design and make a Christmas decoration using recyclable materials at home. All participants in the competition must have their entries in to their class teacher by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Winners will have their photo displayed on the Green Schools Notice Board and one winner from each class will also receive a small prize.

Best of luck!

Get Creative 😊

Green Schools Committee