

San Carlo J.N.S,  
Confey,  
Leixlip,  
Co.Kildare.

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Just a quick note to inform you that San Carlo J.N.S is **currently working towards** our second Green Schools Flag for the theme **energy**. A Green Schools flag is awarded by An Taisce to schools that promote and acknowledge long-term, whole school action for the environment. We received our first Green flag, for the theme of litter and waste, in 2015. It is the school's aim to promote an awareness of energy and to reduce our consumption of energy within the school while also continuing to reduce the volume of litter we create.

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. Energy squad- perform random spot checks around the school
  2. Litter monitors
  3. Relaying information that will be discussed at meetings back to other pupils/ classes regarding recycling and reducing energy consumption in our school.
  4. Informing other pupils of various upcoming environmental 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.
- **Guzzler** is our new mascot for energy. He is a monster who likes to use up a lot of energy. Children on the Green School's Committee will regularly display a top tip in each classroom to inform the children on how to save energy.
- **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.
- **Walk on Wednesday**- walk or cycle to school every Wednesday, if possible.

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,

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Green Schools Committee

(Ms. Roche, Ms. Spaight, Ms. Mc Evoy)



1. Don't leave the television or video on standby, turn it off at the power button.
2. Fit a lagging jacket on the hot water cylinder in your hot press. It keeps your water hot for longer, just like when we put on our winter jackets to keep us warm.
3. Recycling saves energy, so save up your bottles, cans and paper and put them into the recycling bin.
4. When it's dry outside, use the sun and wind to dry your clothes instead of a tumble drier.
5. When it's bright, turn off the light and don't leave the light on if there's no one in the room.
6. Have a shower instead of a bath, it uses a lot less hot water.
7. If you're cold, put on a jumper instead of turning up the heat.
8. If it's safe to do so, walk or cycle to school.