



## **Green Schools**

Here in Knocknagree N.S., we are delighted to continue the Green Schools initiative. Last year we achieved our first Green Flag for Litter and Waste. A big thank you to Ms o' Sullivan and the Green schools committee.

This year, we are moving onto the Water theme and we will be exploring this theme over the next two years.

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme for schools.

Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. The programme is operated and coordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce (FEE member for Ireland).

### **The themes include:**

#### **Litter and Waste**

Litter & Waste is the first theme. It focuses on litter and waste issues, encouraging a sense of responsibility

#### **Energy**

Energy looks at the steps which can be taken at school to reduce energy consumption and raise awareness of climate change

#### **Water**

This theme develops awareness around water conservation and how to effectively manage this important resource in schools

#### **Travel**

This theme aims to increase the number of students walking, cycling, scooting, using public transport or carpooling to school

#### **Biodiversity**

Biodiversity looks at increasing awareness in schools of the importance of native plants, animals and habitats

### **Global Citizenship – Litter & Waste**

This theme enables schools to discover how work on Green-Schools has positively influenced our global community

### **Global Citizenship – Energy**

This theme gives schools the chance to revise Energy and look at issues surrounding energy use globally

### **Global Citizenship – Marine Environment**

This theme focuses on raising awareness of marine eco-systems and the work being done to save them

### **Global Citizenship Travel**

This theme will allow schools to explore and discover how local actions on the Green-Schools Travel theme positively influence environments worldwide and connect with the SDGs. The Global Citizenship Travel theme will allow school to maintain work done previously on the Travel theme.

### **Global Citizenship Food and Biodiversity**

This theme will allow you to partake in local actions, including growing your own organic food as well as focusing on the positive global impacts of consuming locally produced foods.