

GREEN SCHOOLS

This school year we are working towards reducing litter and waste in our school. Here is some information on what it's all about.



Litter and Waste

Green-Schools cover many different aspects of the environment. Litter and waste is chosen as the first theme because:

- The subject is particularly relevant to and part of the curriculum in both primary and secondary schools
- Litter is a visible problem; both students and the local community will notice improvements in the appearance and image of the school.
- It is a good starting point for encouraging a sense of personal pride and responsibility.



What Can We Do

The first thing you can do to reduce litter and waste is to take responsibility for your actions. The effects of litter and waste can be reduced if we work together, create imaginative solutions and spread the word. The following are a few ideas we are tackling in our school to reduce our effect on the environment;

Reduce

- Use waste paper for art or as scrap paper
- Make sure you use the double sided facility on the photocopier
- Always buy reusable containers, batteries and energy saving bulbs
- Use a reusable box for your lunch instead of cling film or tin foil
- Buy products that are made from recycled materials and can be recycled again or composted
- Say NO to plastic bags, use reusable bags instead



Reuse

- **Use old bottles, jars and containers for storage or for use in art class**
- **Re-use plastic drinks bottles for your lunch instead of cartons or cans**
- **Use lunch boxes instead of tinfoil or cling film for your lunches**
- **Leave a box for scrap paper beside the photocopy machine**
- **Swap books, video games and music with friends instead of throwing them away**
- **Give old clothes to charity shops - someone might need them**
- **Always get machines regularly serviced to ensure long life**
- **Reuse school books and workbooks**

Recycle

- **Find out from your Local Authority where the nearest recycling centre is**
- **Check out what you can recycle i.e. plastic, cans, paper, card, clothes**
- **Always rinse out bottles, tins and cartons before recycling**
- **Hazardous materials (oil, paint or batteries) should all be recycled**
- **Aim to buy products that are recycled**
- **Set up a school recycling project to reduce our waste mountain**