

Eco-Schools Action Plan

School name: Ballysillan Primary School

Eco-Schools Topic: Biodiversity

Date range of this plan: January 2019 – September 2019

Our overall aim(s) for this Topic:

We aim to increase biodiversity in our school grounds by planting trees, flowers and providing habitats for different animals. The surveys in June will allow us to measure all of our targets for this topic. *SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15: Life on Land*

Action	Target & Measure	Timescale	Responsibility	Evaluation
Measure biodiversity with the environmental review and RSPB Spot It! surveys	Our goal is to see an increase in ways to bring more wildlife to our school (more bird boxes and feeders, places for insects and hedgehogs to live, plants for bees and insects)	First survey – Jan 2019 Next survey – June	Eco committee and Miss Sullivan	
Plant trees along bank	to have new trees in school. We will watch the trees grow and make sure no one harms them	Feb 2019	P6/7 and Noel Rice (Belfast Hills)	
Make and put up bird boxes	to give birds more places to live. We only have one bird box. We will put up 10 more	April 2019	Eco Club	
Make bird feeders and keep them filled	We will make bottle and pipe cleaner bird feeders and put new food in every 2 weeks	April 2019	Eco Club	
Create a log pile for insects and hedgehogs	we will add logs and sticks to the tree stumps in the back play ground and make sure children don't move them	April 2019	Eco Club	
Plant flowers in Nursery and in new planters	we will plant new flowers and keep them well watered	June 2019	Eco Club	



Eco-Schools Topic: Waste

Date range of this plan: January 2019 – September 2019

Our overall aim(s) for this Topic:

We aim to reduce the waste going to landfill by recycling more waste, using less single use plastic and reusing some rubbish for junk art.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11 and 12: sustainable communities and responsible consumption

Action	Target & Measure	Timescale / Deadline	Responsibility	Evaluation
Find out what we currently recycle using the environmental review	Set a target to recycle more things.	February 2019	Eco Committee	
Help everyone recycle the right things by making posters and signs for the bins in each classroom	Eco committee tick sheet every day tells us which classes remember to recycle waste	Feb 2019 – signs in each class	Eco Committee	
Whole school to take part in Waste Week and learn about why we need to reduce, reuse and recycle	For every class to have taken part in the fact hunt to learn the facts about waste. Eco committee to present powerpoint on waste week to assembly	March 2019	Eco committee	
Ask Mr Ward or the council about plastic recycling	To have plastic recycling bins in school	April 2019	Eco committee	
Reduce single use plastic and waste from milk cartons – contact milk company and ask for litres of milk to pour	No more individual milk cartons	April 2019	Eco Committee	

Eco-Schools Topic: energy

Date range of this plan: January 2019 – September 2019

Our overall aim(s) for this Topic:

We want to reduce the amount of energy our school uses – especially wasted energy

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 11, 12 and 13: sustainable communities, responsible consumption and climate action

Action	Target & Measure	Timescale / Deadline	Responsibility	Evaluation
Find out how much energy we use as a school each month	Eco committee to ask Mr Ward how energy use is measured and look at usage from last year	February 2019	eco committee	
Find out what uses and wastes energy in school with the environmental review	Use results to make energy checklist for every classroom	January 2019	eco committee	
Ensure energy is not wasted in classrooms	Every day eco committee to check every classroom for lights or interactive boards left switched on Measure each month to see if energy use has reduced	Ongoing	eco committee everyone	

Which of the UN Sustainable Development Goals does our Eco-Schools Action Plan cover?

Circle at least one which we can link our Eco-Schools work to this year:

