

Benefits of being a Green School

The experience of Green Schools has really benefited our school. Before we began it we were not conscious of the amount of waste we were producing in the school. While we were always conscious of the litter problem it was mainly because of the poor appearance it gave to the school and so we regularly did clean ups. We were aware of recycling and had green bins but we did not think about the amount of paper we used or other ways of recycling e.g. ink cartridges, phones, batteries etc. It was when we started the Green Schools programme that the whole school started to work together to reduce litter and waste. The children became very enthusiastic about it and they wanted to learn more about it and do more. It gave the staff and pupils greater pride in their school and its environment. It got teachers and pupils working together in out of class situations. This year we have all learned a lot about energy and are more aware of ways of saving energy. The Action Days we had brought great learning and appreciation of energy and how we need to conserve it. The Green School Committee has been very good for the pupils. They have learned how to run meetings, take minutes etc. They have learned to take responsibility for tasks and carry them through. It has given the officers great confidence to address groups and to relay information.