

# Wheelie

## BIG CHALLENGE

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Dear Eco-Schools Coordinator and Eco-Committee,

Welcome to the Wheelie Big Challenge 2017/18. Wheelie is challenging you to tackle the issue of food waste at school and at home by recycling and composting more. If you have no food waste recycling in school then this is the time to put that right. If you do have recycling facilities this is your chance to examine how well they are working and see if there is room for improvement.

### Wheelie's Teaching Resources

The Wheelie Big Challenge will provide you with teaching resources highlighting the importance of the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The resource is in the form of a Power-Point presentation with suggested activities and follow on actions. It takes about an hour to deliver and has lots of information on the importance of waste reduction.

### Wheelie Big School Audit

Wheelie challenges the school's Eco-Committee and all the pupils and teachers to take a close look at what happens to your waste in school and take practical action to improve things. Resources are provided for this activity and Eco-Schools staff will be happy to offer advice and help (Waste Audit Sheet 1 and Waste Audit Sheet 2).

### Wheelie Big Competition

The Wheelie Big Competition is a chance for you to showcase the effectiveness of your actions in school and at home by submitting a short written explanation of what you have done to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, including food waste. If you have completed your audit this would be great information to include in your entry. Shortlisted finalists will create a display of their work on the Wheelie Big Challenge for judging.

### Wheelie Big Celebration

Schools shortlisted from the competition entries and will be invited to the Wheelie Big Celebration event in the Great Hall, Belfast City Hall, **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018** where they can show off their recycling ideas as a creative display stand for judging. Schools can win super prizes, up to **£500** in Primary and Post-Primary categories, to support their Eco-Schools work.

Closing date for the competition will be **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

Best Regards,

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