

AMBASSADOR SCHOOL CASE STUDY



Fairview Primary School

Hillmount Avenue, Ballyclare, BT39 9HS

Number of pupils	Age range	Joined Eco-Schools	Number of Green Flags	Date of last Green Flag
519	4-11 years	2009	7	May 2023

Fairview Primary School has been involved with Eco Schools for 16 years and during this time we have completed work on all 11 Eco Schools topics. We organise regular whole school events such as Active Travel Weeks and Blitz Days to involve all members of our school community. We have an active Eco Committee who are involved in activities and initiatives such as auditing energy usage and waste throughout the year. We also have an Eco Club and Nature Rangers club which both make use of our extensive school grounds. These varied grounds include an Environmental Garden, a Sensory Garden and a Vegetable Garden. Last year we opened a History Trail around our school grounds. Each board on the trail was written by pupils and explains information about the local area.

Topic Actions:

Fairview Primary School continues to promote sustainable travel through regular Active Travel Weeks. This year we introduced the Daily Mile to further encourage healthy lifestyles. We have developed our outdoor learning areas by restructuring the pollinator bed in our Environmental Garden, making it more accessible for the pupils. Through our work on Global Perspective we have developed a greater understanding of global issues and have developed links with various organisations. We have been named as the first 'Sharing Hope School' in Northern Ireland by Hope365.



Sharing Good Practice Actions:

Pupils from Fairview Primary School were on BBC Radio Ulster for Gardener's Corner in March 2023. The children spoke about our school grounds and how nature is of huge importance to us in Fairview. In June 2024 pupils from the Eco Committee were interviewed by Artemis Technologies to help create a promotional video for their new electric ferry.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Pupils from the Eco Committee record data about the number of sustainable journeys to school. This data has been collected before and after Active Travel Weeks and then graphs have been created to evaluate the effectiveness of these events. Before and after surveys have also been used to monitor pupil knowledge on the topics of Global Perspective and Outdoor Learning.



Mentoring School:

Fairview Primary School has provided support to Greystone Primary School with the completion of their Action Plan as this was their first year applying for Green Flag status. We have also developed links with various organisations and charities through our Eco activities over the last three years. This has included working with Stand By Me, Hope365 and Artemis Technologies.



Filming with Artemis Technologies



Pollinator Bed in Environmental Garden



Daily Mile



Active Travel Week



Outdoor Learning in P4



Outdoor Learning in P6

Contact

For more information on this Eco-Schools Ambassador School, see details below.

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