

AMBASSADOR SCHOOL CASE STUDY



Mossley Primary School

Hazelburn Road

Newtownabbey

BT36 5NA

Number of pupils	Age range	Joined Eco-Schools	Number of Green Flags	Date of last Green Flag
550	5-11	17/05/10	6	30/05/24

- As a school we regularly hold events to encourage children to walk/scoot or cycle to school. This provides teachers with the opportunity to discuss the impacts of travel on our environment with their class.
- The children are encouraged to recycle paper regularly and reduce their waste at break and lunch time by bringing their food and drink in reusable containers and bottles. We also organise events throughout the year to promote recycling clothes, such as, Cash for Clobber, our Uniform Hub and a separate recycling bin for textiles.
- We created a new school garden to teach students about biodiversity and the importance of taking responsibility for looking after the environment.
- Lastly and most importantly, students are always involved in ensuring sustainability in school. We have a School Council, an Eco Club for P4-7 children and a Gardening Club. These clubs are vital to the running of our school as the children are constantly coming up with new ideas on how to improve the sustainability of our school.

Topic Actions:

Last year we created a brand-new garden in our school grounds with the help of P1-P7 pupils and parents!

We are also currently working on our pond area to make it a better space for the children to learn.



P4 worked hard to grow their own vegetables in time for their Harvest Assembly this year and use them to decorate the stage.

We have also installed a watering catchment system in our polytunnel and will soon have an automatic watering system.



Sharing Good Practice

Actions:

We have attended Green Flag meetings and have our field officer in school regularly.

We have also completed free workshops run by the Keeping Northern Ireland Beautiful Team such as, The Big Wheelie Bin Challenge and a bird watching workshop.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Our Eco Club complete an annual environmental review on our school grounds.

We have also completed our 7th Green Flag application this year, logging lots of different action cards on our My Earth portal.



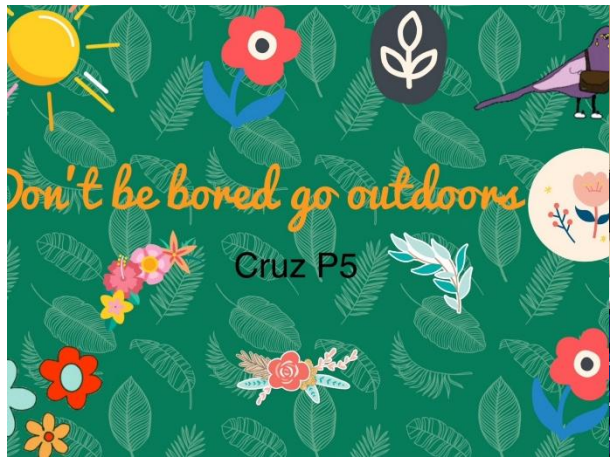


Mentoring School:

We have formed a new Forest Schools partnership with our nursery. Two of our P6 classes will visit the nursery several times to support and participate in their regular Forest School sessions. For the nursery children, this will be their first experience of Forest School. For the P6 pupils, it is a rewarding opportunity to share their knowledge and act as a mentor to the younger children. We also have 8 members of teaching staff with their Level 3 Forest School Accreditation.

We also organised a community litter pick in March with our Peace Plus partner school St. Bernard's around the Newtownabbey Way.





Eco Code



Outdoor learning display



Cash for Clobber collection



Gardening Club



Biodiversity workshop



Litter picking



Bird feeders



Recyclable bug hotels



Den building



Fence painting



P5 Projects



Planting



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P7

Contact

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

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