

Eco-Council Half Term Update (2)

- We started the new term by reviewing our Eco-Code. This code was two years old and we decided that we needed a new one. Each teacher asked their pupils to come up with a new code. There was a great response with some interesting and creative codes. Ultimately, Niamh Valentine's (P7) was chosen.
- Outdoor learning continues to be at the forefront of learning in Sacred Heart. Primary 2 took a trip to the beach whilst celebrating Poetry day. Pupils used their senses to write about their trip. Primary six and seven have been looking at 3D shapes around our school grounds. As part of our outdoor learning focus through Shared Education primary four created their own outdoor shop. A lot of investment has gone into enhancing the outdoor learning resources for the Early Years area.
- In November we were delighted to find out that Primary six pupil, Effie McMullan was the overall winner of the Newry, Mourne and Down Environmental Poster competition. His poster highlighted the effect that climate change could have on our world and called for change. His poster will be featured on local billboards.
- The Eco-Council decided to write to David Attenborough, telling him what we are doing in our school to combat climate change and asked for advice. We were very shocked that we received a reply.
- We held our annual Ditch the Dark Day on Friday 29th November. We were very pleased to see that the majority of children, and some adults, did travel to school in an active manner this day and ensured that they were dressed in bright clothing to ensure that they were easily seen.
- Sacred Heart participated in the Daily Mile Santa Run. The whole school got together and walked/ran a mile. The daily mile has become a staple of school life here and the children are aware of its importance.
- The Eco-Council have brought in a school grounds litter pick on a rota basis. Each class are designated a certain week to clean the school grounds of litter. This is proving very successful.
- Eco-Club has continued on a Monday afternoon. Pupils have been engaged in a variety of activities. They have made a huge effort to tidy up the outdoors area and plans are underway to ensure that we fix the seats and tables in our outdoor classroom.
- Classes have continued working on the Woodland Trust Green Tree Award. They particularly enjoyed creating tree decorations and looked into why cultures decorate and celebrate trees. We have gained the silver award this term and look forward to continuing this and working towards Gold.