

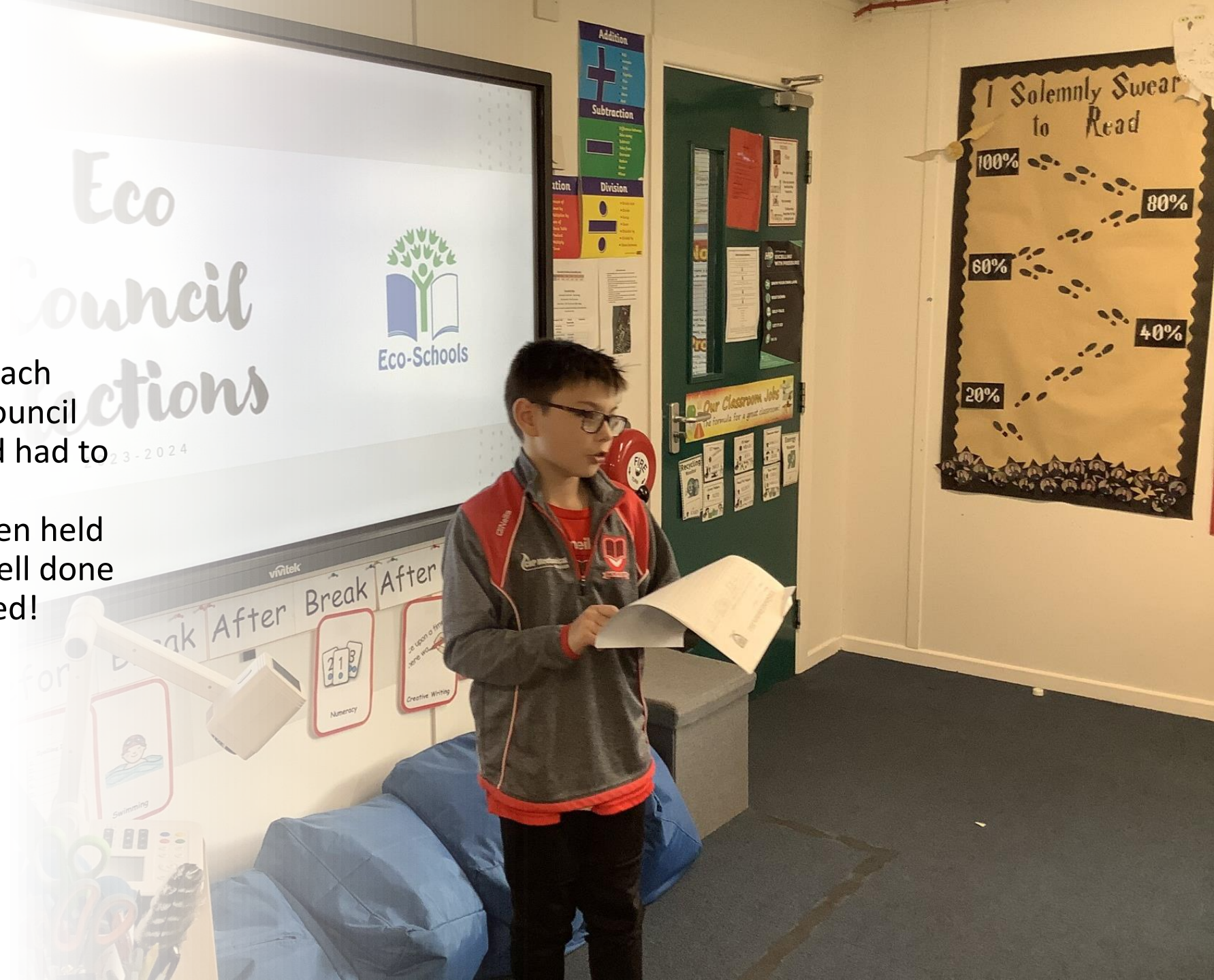
Sacred Heart Primary School Eco-Council

Term 1 Updates



Elections

At the end of September, each class held their own Eco-Council elections. Those who stood had to present their ideas to their respective classes. They then held an anonymous election. Well done to all those who participated!



Meet Our Eco-Council

P1: Laughlin & Eimile

P2: Logan & Orlaith

P.3: Hugh & Caoimhe

P.4: Kasia & Seth

P.5: Farrah & Noah

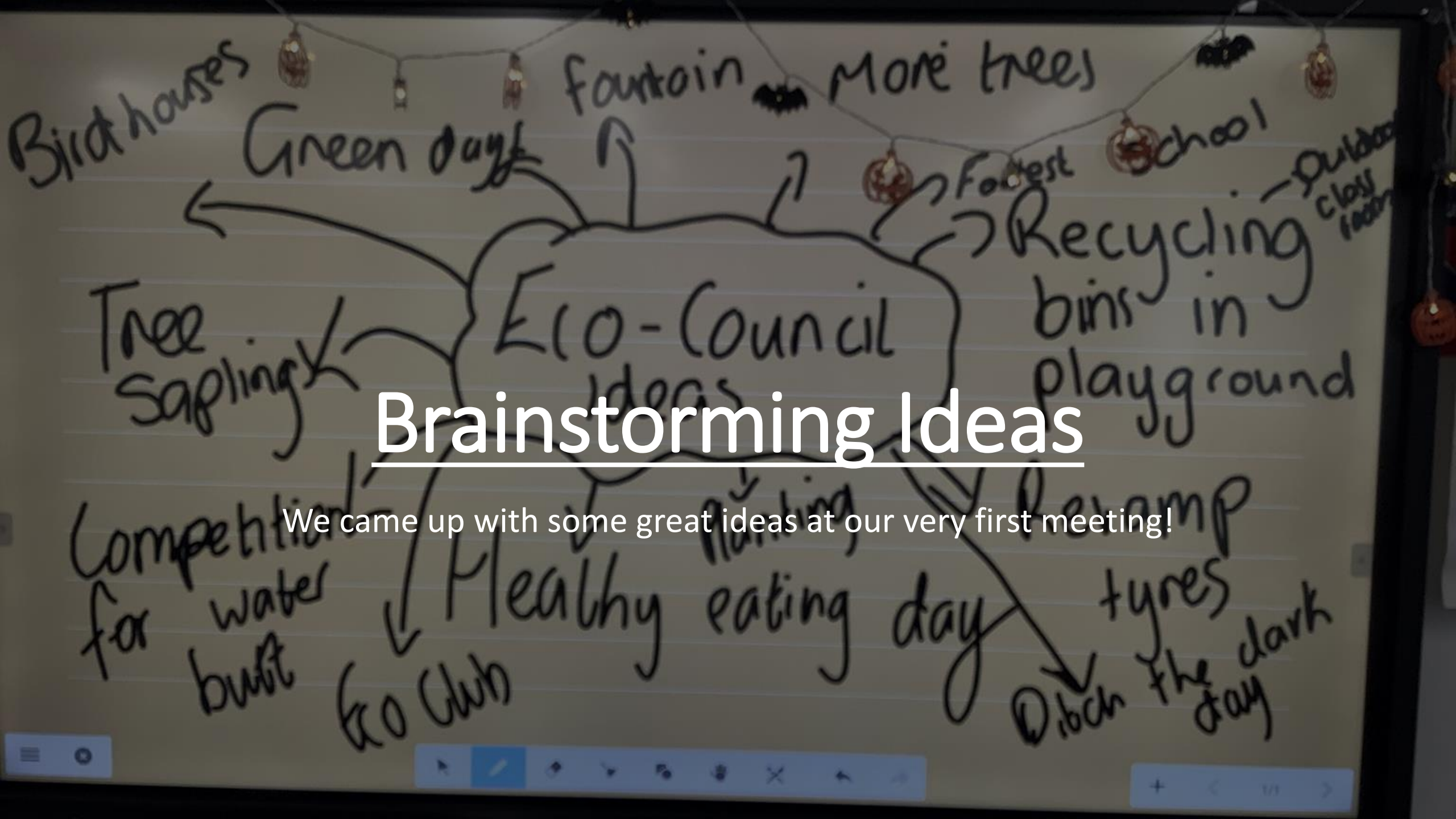
P.6: Padraig & Niamh

P.7: Kasey & Cara



Brainstorming Ideas

We came up with some great ideas at our very first meeting!



Chairperson & Minute Taker Elected

The Eco-Council came together and after a close election, chose Cara and Kasey to fulfill these important roles.

Chairperson – Cara

Minute Taker - Kasey



Secret Garden - Open

Danielle Begley, the Biodiversity Officer from Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, came to help us officially open our new Sacred Garden. This was made possible through the School Pollinator Garden Grant. A huge thank you to Noel and Paddy Cunningham for all their support and assistance.



Forest School Status

We were so pleased to officially receive our accreditation as a recognised Forest School!





Muck in Monday

We were so grateful to all of those who came and got involved with our 'Muck in Monday.' There was lots of weeding, planting and general maintenance done.

Our New Eco-Code

Keep planting many species of tree!



Educate people on biodiversity.

Encourage planting different flowers.

Nourish our bees and give them power.

Outdoor learning is at our core.

Now we step outside the classroom door.

Green is the way to keep litter at bay.

Recycle, reuse, reduce is what to say!

Enjoy your break with a grin.

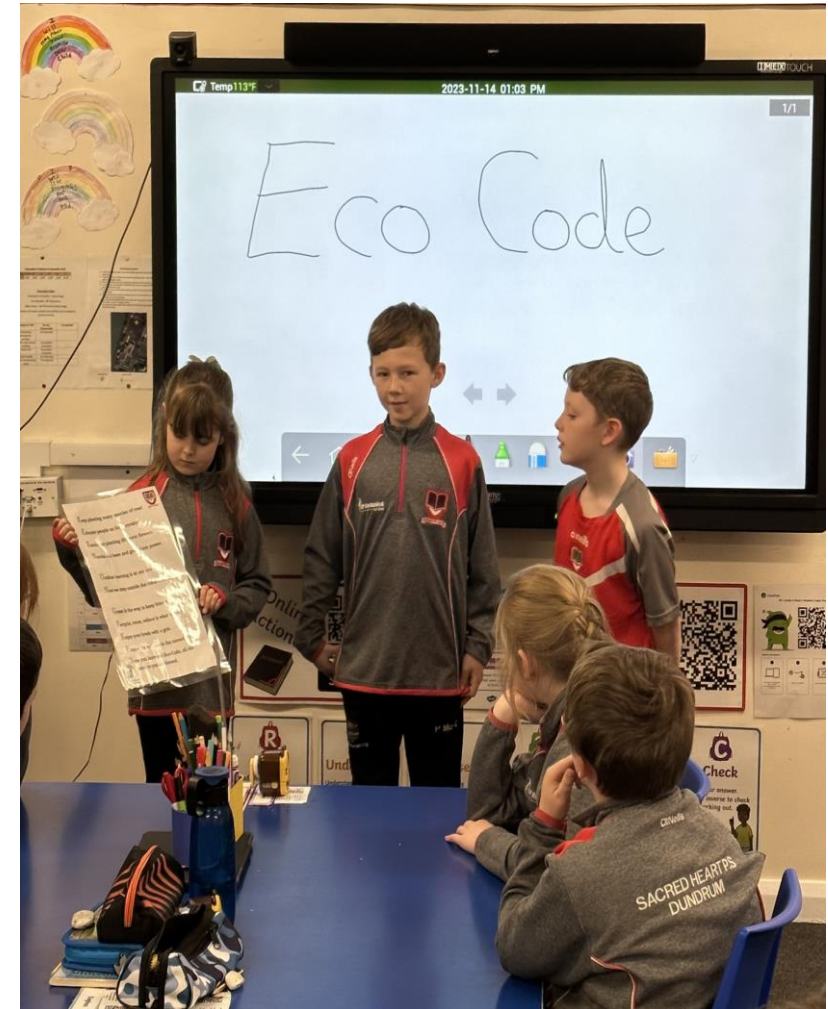
Ensure the rest goes in the correct bin.

Now you know our Eco-Code, all our rules, to you we showed.



The whole school came up with different eco-codes, some as a class and some individually. The Eco-Council then picked what they believed were the best parts of these and made them into a whole Eco-Code.

Members of the Eco-Council then read these out to their classes and have ensured they are on prominent display in their classrooms.



Environmental Review & Action Plan

After completing the Environmental Review we decided that our 3 main targets for this year will be:

- Outdoor learning
- Waste
- Biodiversity

The Eco-Council then assisted with completing a thorough action plan for the year ahead.





Newry, Mourne & Down Environmental Poster Competition

Recycle Week

Every class got involved with Recycle Week. The children found some very creative uses for some of things that we would normally throw away.





Ditch the Dark Day

We held our annual Ditch the Dark Day at the end of November. This is a hugely important event which highlights the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' initiative.

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Schools challenge

Help your child become an energy saving hero!

Throughout Energy Saving Week please assist your child to complete the five energy saving activities below. These everyday tasks can help reduce your home energy bills, while also educating your child on saving money and energy at home.

At the end of the week, tick the box with the activities that your child has completed and send the results to your class teacher, letting them know which task/s your child has completed.

Name of pupil:

Keep warm: Day 1 Ask a parent to turn down the thermostat by 1 degree for 5 days* 78	Save water: Day 2 Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth. 93	Save energy: Day 3 Unplug any electrical items you're not using. Stand by mode still uses energy. 82	Save water: Day 4 Reduce your shower time by one minute. 90	Save energy: Day 5 Turn the lights off when you leave a room. 94

*Thermostat only needs to be turned down by one degree for 5 days, not one degree daily. If the home occupied by infant(s) or the elderly, do not turn down below 18 degrees. @EnergySvtTrust #EnergySavingWeek23



Energy Saving Week & Low Energy Day

We celebrated Energy Saving Week by taking part in the Schools challenge, holding in class poster competitions and having a low energy day where all lights and electrical goods were kept switched off!

Forest School Lessons

P1 joined P6/7 on their NIFSA journey. They are looking forward to many more lessons together and already feel the benefit of bringing their learning outdoors.



Wear Blue for UNICEF

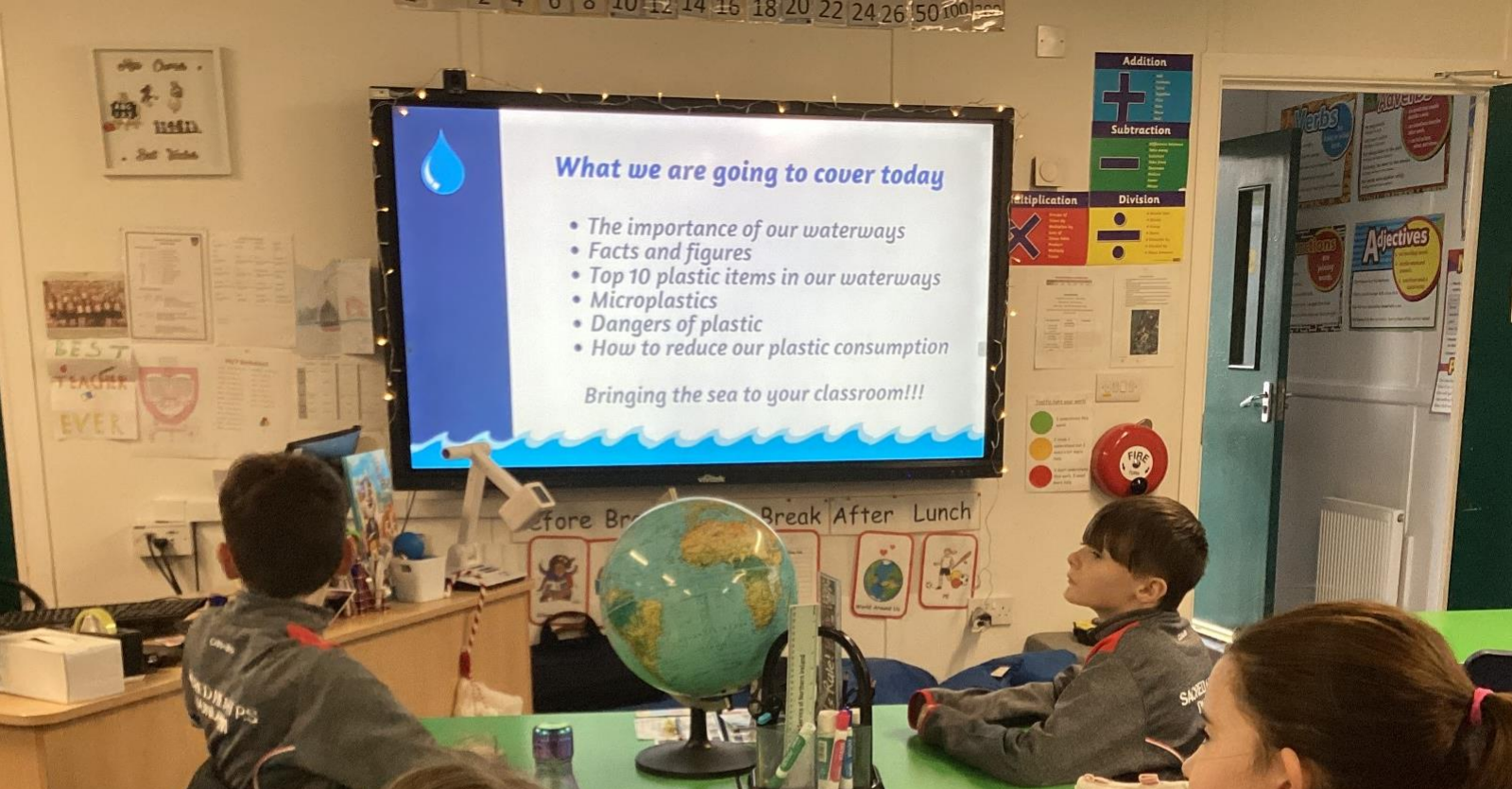
The Eco-Council decided to hold a fundraising event to mark World Children's Day. Everyone wore blue to school in support of UNICEF and over £150 was raised in donations!



Daily Mile Santa Run

The whole school participated in the Daily Mile Santa Run. It was an extremely enjoyable event with the boys and girls completing well over a mile.





Coastal School's Workshop

We had a fantastic time with Ben who educated us on coastal pollution, helped us conduct a litter survey and then guided us with removing the litter we found. We were shocked to find 14 batteries on our beach!





Outdoor Learning

As a school, we place a great emphasis on outdoor learning. Every class has been making a huge effort to take their learning outside of the classroom.