



COMPETITIONS

Be in with a chance to win some prizes for your class.



Environment Poster Competition

- Design an Anti Dog Fouling or Anti Gum Litter Poster!
- Include a slogan in English and Irish!
- Send to South Dublin County Council before **Friday 12th February 2016.**

Winning entries will be professionally printed and distributed in the County

Podcast Competition 2016

- Create your own podcast with an Environment theme.
- Write your Script/ News report/ Interview or VOXPOP and get recording.
- Closing date for receipt of entries is **Friday 6th May 2016.**

Win a fantastic prize for the whole class.

For more information on all School Competitions check our schools Competition page at www.sdcc.ie

Congratulations: - Christmas Decoration Competition 2015

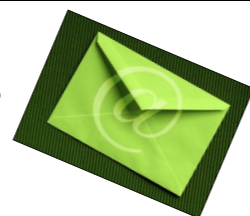


South Dublin County Council held its annual Christmas Recycled Decoration Competition in December 2015. We had a huge number of entries which were displayed all through Christmas Week in the main foyer of South Dublin County Council. Congratulations to every student who took part and to our winners.

1st Prize	St Ronans NS, Clondalkin	Aaron Dempsey & Aoibheann Dempsey
2nd Prize	St Ronans NS, Clondalkin	Sarah Bullough
3rd Prize	Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig, Lucan	Sadie Damer
Runner Up	St Marks Community School, Tallaght	Aksel Brachocki
Runner Up	Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig, Lucan	Charlotte Ni Choileáin

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Welcome to South Dublin County Council's Environmental Awareness Newsletter.

We have lots of information to help with your schools environmental agenda. The Environmental Awareness team are always available to offer practical advice and resources to schools in the County to help promote sustainable environmental practices. Ask about presentations and workshops available on a variety of topics such as litter, waste and recycling, energy, water ?

You can also find us on Facebook



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Green Flag Congratulations!

The schools below received their Green flags at An Taisce's Award Ceremony in the Helix in May 2015. Congrats to all students, staff and parents that worked so hard for this award. **THE CLOSING DATE FOR RENEWALS IS FRIDAY 11th MARCH 2016.**

Litter & Waste	Energy	Water	Travel
Colaiste Cois Life Lucan Educate Together St. Joseph's Special School St Mary's NS	Loreto Primary School At. Aiden's SNS St Andrew's NS	Coláiste de Hide Rathfarnham Parish NS Scoil Aine Tallaght Community School	Scoil Carmel Scoil Ide Scoil Mhuire, Ballyboden Scoil Mhuire, Lucan St Bernadette SNS St Kilian's JNS St Kilian's SNS St Mark's SNS St Paul's SNS St Ronan's NS St Thomas's SNS The King's Hospital
Biodiversity Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig Glenasmole NS Scoil Nano Nagle Our Lady Queen of Apostles St Dominic's NS St Finian's NS			
GC Litter & Waste Colaiste Bride, D.22			



Eco Week 2016 - 18th to 22nd April



All events are FREE!

South Dublin County Council's Eco Week is in its 12th year and is a favorite with all schools. During Eco Week SDCC runs a variety of environmental workshops, theatre shows, talks and eco walks on themes such as recycling, energy, water, biodiversity, climate change and waste prevention. Watch out for the Eco Week brochure for booking information and on www.sdcc.ie.

An Taisce's National Spring Clean 1st–30th April

April is National Spring Clean month. Organise for a clean up of your local area, to take place any time during April, and register your event online, by phone, fax or post. To register online click on the 'Sign Up' icon www.nationalspringclean.org Once you have registered you will receive a **FREE** clean-up kit from An Taisce. This will also be a great action for your Green Schools Litter & Waste flag project!



National Spring Clean is
an An Taisce Programme

Green Dog Walkers

Get your school involved in South Dublin's Green Dog Walker campaign. Keep your parks and community free from dog litter!



Green Dog Walkers

To register to become a green dog walker and receive your **FREE** promotional material visit www.sdcc.ie/services/community/initiatives/responsible-dog-ownership/green-dog-walkers-application. Interested in organising a Green Dog Walker promotional event and gain extra credits towards your Litter & Waste flag programme? Please visit www.socialcredits.ie.

ESB Tree Week 2016



Tree Council
of Ireland

ESB Tree Week 2016 runs from Sunday March 6th until Sunday March 13th.

Why not celebrate Tree Week in your school by planting a tree or in the classroom by drawing pictures or making leaf prints or bark rubbings of trees, read or write poems or stories about trees, learn how to measure the height and spread of a tree, produce a class drama about trees. This will also go towards your Biodiversity flag project!

For more information and to register your **FREE** tree please visit www.treecouncil.ie/initiatives/

World Water Day

World Water day is held annually on the 22nd March!

The aim of WWD is to highlight and focus attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources!



Speaking of water, South Dublin County Council can supply your school with Hippo bags and **FREE** materials to educate and spread awareness on water conservation within your school. You could also hold a 'Walk for Water' action day and get the whole school involved! If you are interested in receiving materials please contact info@sdblincoco.ie or 01 4149000. This can also benefit your Green Schools Water flag project!



Congratulations to the National Irish Water Green School Winners 2014/15

South Dublin County Council would like to congratulate **Tallaght Community School** on winning the Irish Water School of the Year Award in 2015.

PURE Music

Pure Music Environmental Training Programme is a **FREE** two day environmental/music training programme for teenagers (13 to 18 years old) who are involved in a music class, play a musical instrument, in a band, or sing. This two day training programme is for a maximum of 10/12 students, ideally suited to a secondary school music class.



PURE will introduce students to important environmental issues that are related to the Project, e.g., illegal dumping, litter, fly-tipping, recycling, pollution, environment and community. This will then lead into the second day of the training programme, and in collaboration with professional musicians, participants learn about song writing, music composition and music production, culminating in the creation and recording of an original song and music video!

All songs and music videos will be made available on www.pureproject.ie and the Pure Youtube Channel. **Interested schools, groups, etc., should contact Pure directly at info@pureproject.ie**

SEAI - Green School Workshops 2015/2016

The SEAI **FREE** school workshops involve inquiry based learning through experiments, videos, games & talks. The workshops are directly linked to the curricula and are a great way to inform students on ways to save energy. They are also a great advantage in helping schools achieve their Green Flag!



For more information or to book a workshop email seai@eeu.antaisce.org or phone 01 4002225.