



Guzzler's 'Energy Challenge' Game: It's FUN & FREE

Get your school on the list to **borrow** this fantastic game. SEAI's 'Energy Challenge' giant floor game, challenges students knowledge about energy and climate change whilst using up plenty of their own. The object of the game is to be the most energy efficient team, by collecting as many energy tokens as you can on your way around the board and limiting the pieces of energy that you lose. Whichever team has the most 'energy' in the end wins the game. For further information and to book this game, contact SDCC at envawareness@sdblincoco.ie or visit www.sdcc.ie.

Eco Week 2018



All events are FREE!

South Dublin County Council's Eco Week is in its 14th year and is a favorite with all schools. Eco Week will run from **Monday 23rd April - Friday 27th April 2018**.

During Eco Week SDCC runs a variety of environmental workshops, theatre shows, talks and eco walks on themes such as waste prevention, re-use, recycling, energy, water, biodiversity and climate change.

Watch out for the Eco Week brochure for booking information and on www.sdcc.ie.

Dates for your diaries:

1st December 2017	First Green Flag Applications—Litter & Waste
16th March 2018	Green School Flag Renewal Date
24th, 25th, 26th, 27, & 28th October 2017	Halloween Recycling Workshops
December 2017	Christmas Recycling Workshops
05th December 2017	Christmas Decoration Competition Deadline
09th February 2018	Environment Poster Competition Deadline
23rd April - 27th April 2018	Eco Week 2018



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Welcome ... to the 19th edition of South Dublin County Councils Environmental Awareness Newsletter for schools. Once again we have lots of exciting initiatives - competitions, games and information for schools to help with your environmental agenda. If your school is interested in a talk or visit please contact the

Awareness team. You can also find us on Facebook 

Inside this issue...

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Green School News We are delighted to report that the number of Schools in the County awarded green flags last year was 38. There were 2 new flags and 36 renewal flags awarded. Well done to all! Maith sibh go léir.

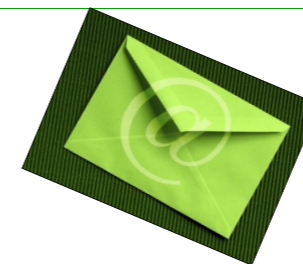
The **Green Schools Seminar** for teachers will take place on 21st September and all are welcome to attend. For hints, tips and details on the application and renewal process go to

www.greenschoolsireland.org



Green Schools Flag Applications and Renewals

Schools applying for their first Green Flag can email or post their completed application form to An Taisce Green-Schools Office by **01st December 2017**. Renewal Schools must first arrange an assessment prior to submitting their Green Schools Application form by the **16th March 2018**. Please contact the Environmental Awareness team to schedule your assessment between October 2017—February 2018.



Contact the Environmental Awareness Team

Úna Maguire or Nessa Watkins, Environmental Awareness Section, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Ph: 01 4149000, Email: envawareness@sdblincoco.ie.

For detailed information on our Schools Programme go to the Neighbourhoods and Community pages of www.sdcc.ie

Free Workshops and Supports

Halloween Info and Fun!!!!

School recycling workshops

Date	Time
• 24th Oct 2017	10.00—11.00am and 11.30am—12.30pm
• 25th Oct 2017	10.00—11.00am and 11.30am—12.30pm
• 26th Oct 2017	10.00—11.00am and 11.30am—12.30pm
• 27th Oct 2017	10.00—11.00am and 11.30am—12.30pm
• 28th Oct 2017	10.00—11.00am and 11.30am—12.30pm



Please contact the Awareness Section for information.

Check out our **FREE Halloween Pack** on the schools page of www.sdcc.ie —It has lots of tips and fun activities to stay safe this Halloween.



Bulbs not Bonfires

The Bulbs not Bonfires initiative is back. Send your plans for a safe Halloween to envawareness@sdublincoco.ie and receive a bag of bulbs to plant.

Re-Use Month

October is National ReUse month, this month is dedicated to promoting the benefits of ReUse.

To celebrate South Dublin County Council will be running a number of awareness events throughout the month of October, including

- ReUse workshops for schools
- Recycle It Vintage display in County Hall, Ballyroan, Clondalkin and Lucan libraries,
- Re-Use workshops for community groups
- Poster campaign
- #reuse17

Log on to www.emwr.ie to pick up some tips or take the #UpcycleChallenge17.

**reuse
month**
fix - create - donate

Competitions

LOTS OF CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES!!!!!!

Christmas Recycled Decoration Competition



Our annual Christmas Decoration competition is back again. Last years entries were amazing, so get creative and wow the judges again this year.

Why not get the whole class involved, and make a Christmas decoration, all you need is some recycled materials from your green bin and a large imagination.

There are 2 categories

Under 12

Over 12

There will be prizes for each category and also a prize for the over all winner of either a workshop or an excursion to the rediscovery centre. Closing date is **Tuesday the 5th December 2017**.

Application forms will be available from the Environmental Awareness Section or can be downloaded from www.sdcc.ie

Environmental Poster Competition

South Dublin County Environmental Poster Competition is in its eleventh year. The competition encourages children of all ages to learn about environmental issues and to express an environmental message by creating an eye catching poster to be displayed in public buildings.

This year we are inviting children to design a Poster and Slogan under any of the following three themes: **Anti Litter, Water Conservation, Energy Conservation or Waste Prevention.**

There are 3 categories

Ages 4 - 8

Ages 9 - 12

Ages 13 - 18



There will be prizes for each category and also a prize for the over all winner of either a workshop or an excursion to the rediscovery centre. Application forms will be available from the

Environmental Awareness Section or can be downloaded from www.sdcc.ie

Conditions

- Posters should be A3 size
- The slogan on the poster must be in English and Irish
- Print your name, age, Parent/Guardian, school and contact phone number clearly on the back of each entry.
- Closing date for entries is **09th February 2018**

Judging will take place in March 2018 and the Judges decision is final