



# Corpus Christi Green School Project

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## What Is Green Schools? By Sarah Montgomery

Green Schools is an international, environmental management system. It promotes and acknowledges long term, whole school action for the environment. Some schools made up raps about recycling, and others get a group together to walk to school. What does the logo mean? A lot of meaning is packed into the Green Schools' logo. Here is what it symbolises: -

People are the centre of the program. In our hands we hold the greening of our future.

The flowers above the person's head symbolise how the environment and us grow together and how our attitudes protect the environment and ourselves.

Once the bouquets of green flowers are open over our heads, it turns into an umbrella, to shelter, and protect us.

The book is associated with school and knowledge, but the separate pages mean that this knowledge is not purely academic.

The blue page represents the book of human history. This part of the book is already written.

The white page hasn't been written yet, it represents everything that can be done, and we alone decide what our future will be!

1. Green schools committee
2. Environmental review
3. Action plan
4. Monitoring and evaluation
5. Curriculum work
6. Informing and involving
7. The green code



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### Fact Box

Everyday Corpus Christi receives 297 cartons of milk. If girls do not recycle their milk cartons, 1,485 milk cartons will go into landfill a week, 5,940 milk cartons will go into landfill a month, 54,945 milk cartons will go into landfill a year.

By Carrie Coughlin



## A Clean Yard for a Clean Start by Megan Ross

Sometimes the yard can be very dirty, like in the corner of the yard, sometimes there are crisp packets and cans, but 6th Class and Junior Infants came together, went out, and started to pick up the rubbish. One girl and her book buddy would hold a rubbish bag and everyone else held a pick and soon the bags were full of rubbish. There was glass in the corner of the yard and where everyone puts their bikes there was a lot of sweet wrappers, but after a while it was all clean. After about 20 minutes the whole yard was clean. Picking up rubbish can be fun and helping the environment is great!!!



## Let's Get Creating by Katie Burke

The green schools committee came back from their monthly meeting with an idea. The idea involved:

1. A competition
2. 6th class girls
3. Recyclable items from around the house
4. Great imaginations.

The idea was a Hallowe'en homemade costume competition. The green schools committee gave 6th class the task of making an amazing costume. The catch was, it had to be made out of reused

or recyclable items.

Most of the girls went home trying to think of an original idea. Once we had our idea we had to collect up all the things we needed, for example cardboard, pictures from magazines or old clothes.

Then it came to the fun part. Making the costume. Once our costumes were made, we had to wait till the day when we could wear them into school. So we all came in in our recycled or reused outfit. We had costumes such as a packet of m&m's, a rubix

cube, a recycling bin, a box of tissues, a giraffe, a hippie, a mad hatter, a pizza delivery boy and a cat!

It turned out a great success and showed us all just how easy it is to recycle!



## Our Heritage Day by Ellen Malone

Before the mid term break, Conn from the Irish Wildlife Trust came in to educate my class, (6<sup>th</sup> class) about nature and the environment around us. Conn came in early in the morning. But before we went outside, Conn filled us in on what we were looking for and all the Irish nature and animals. When we went outside, we searched for things like fungi, flowers, birds and smaller animals. We also did projects on some native and non native Irish animals, such as, the Irish Mountain Hare, the Smooth Newt and the Irish Jay.



## Waste Audit by Ellen Howlett

Last year we did our very first waste audit. We did the waste audit to see what we are putting in our recycling bin and what we can be recycled. The whole school did the waste audit. We found that the waste audit really helped us to see what we are putting in our recycling bin and what we shouldn't be putting in.

We did the main bin waste audit to find out how much we are putting into our normal bin and what we are putting into them. We also did the waste audit to see if there was anything we are putting into our normal bins that can be recycled.



## Top Tips for Recycling at Home

Wash out your milk cartons and recycle then.

Use less packaging in your lunch box: consider buying one with compartments.

Use beakers instead of lots of disposable bottles of water or juice.

Bring in left over yoghurt cartons so teachers can use them to hold paint.

## Top Tips for Teachers

By Carrie Coughlan

Always print on both sides of a piece of paper.

Use old newspapers for art or for covering tables when doing art.

Use old yoghurt pots if planting flowers in school (e.g. daffodils )

Get creative and think of ideas using recyclable items.

Give each student their own laminated piece of paper to play x's and o's or hangman when the students have to stay in at break, this will save paper because the students can reuse the one piece of paper again and again.

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