

*Look what we've **DONE** and are **STILL DOING** since we started in **1999...***

(Click the blue links to see photos!)

- Litter teams keep our grounds **litter** free!
- We help to clean up Renmore when we take part in the [National Spring Clean](#) every year!
- We **recycle** paper, plastic, cardboard, stamps, computer cartridges and batteries!
- We **reuse** paper, envelopes and newspapers!
- We **reduce** packaging by using lunchboxes and reusable bottles!
- We reduce paper by writing and photocopying on both sides!
- We created a '**wild area**' in our grounds by planting 600 trees, as well as bulbs and wild flowers!
- To encourage [wildlife](#) to visit our grounds we have these trees, birdfeeders and log piles! (We've had visits from lots of birds, a family of rabbits and even a fox!)
- We used up parents old paint and painted two mini-beasts [murals](#)!
- We fundraised to get yard games painted in our playgrounds!

- We 'recycled' Fr Mulkerrins' tree and now we have logs to sit on and a log pile so we can study mini-beasts!
- We've planted bulbs and winter flowers in pots and window boxes and even in an old sink!
- We enter the Galway City Council anti-litter poster **competition** every year and nearly always win prizes!
- We used some of the prize money to buy plants for classrooms and around the school!
- The '**Energy Squad**' remind us every day to save energy by tuning off lights and standby lights!
- We're saving **water** because we put 'hippos' in all the school cisterns! (**34.5** litres in total if every toilet is flushed!!)
- We learned lots of other ways to save water and '*Slow the Flow*'!
- We're helping the environment and getting healthy by walking, cycling, carpooling and taking public **transport** whenever we can.
- We have a WOW/COW day *every* Wednesday!
- We've grown lots of vegetables in our school **garden** for two years now!
- We encourage as much **wildlife** as we can to visit our school grounds by planting many different species of trees & plants, by putting out bird feeders & nesting boxes, by having a 'bug hotel' and a log pile and by having a wild area in our yard.
- Some classes even grew their own butterflies!!

[Link to 'We grew our own butterflies' doc](#)

- We're trying to get good at recognising as many species of birds, trees and mini beasts, common to our school grounds, as we can.
- Mike, our caretaker, put up a nest box with a camera and we've watched families of blue tits rear their chicks LIVE! [Link to Bluetits doc](#)
- We're hoping to get our **seventh** green flag for our work on **BIODIVERSITY!**

Wow!!
Well done everyone!
Let's keep up the GREAT work!!