



## Biodiversity Action Plan

### Aims and Targets

1. To raise awareness and appreciation of what biodiversity and ecosystems are amongst our pupils and staff.
2. To raise awareness of how important biodiversity is, what the threats are and how we can help to improve biodiversity.
3. To improve and increase biodiversity on our school grounds.

Aim	Target
To raise awareness and appreciation of what biodiversity and ecosystems and habitats are amongst our pupils and our staff.	90% of our pupils (and all staff) will be aware and appreciate what biodiversity and ecosystems and habitats are
To raise awareness of how important biodiversity is, what the threats are and how we can help to improve biodiversity.	90% of our pupils will be aware and appreciate how important biodiversity is, what the threats are and how we can help to improve biodiversity.
To improve and increase biodiversity on our school grounds.	<p>Create a log pile/leaf mould</p> <p>Create a 'Bug Hotel'</p> <p>Plant flowers and native trees including wild flowers</p> <p>Make bird boxes and feeders</p> <p>Develop our own compost with the view to use it in the future</p> <p>Leave some grass to grow naturally to form a meadow</p> <p>Plant some wildflowers and bee pollinators.</p> <p>Plant fruit trees to form an orchard</p>

<b>Year One 2021/2022</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Who is responsible</b>	<b>When will it be completed</b>	<b>Progress made</b>
Establish a new Green School Travel Committee	Coordinator School Staff	September 2021	Completed
Revisit previous themes	Committee	September 2021	Completed
Set up Green School Notice Board focusing on Biodiversity Theme	Committee	October 2021	Completed
Inform school community that we're now in year 1, Green Schools Biodiversity	Coordinator Committee	October 2021	Ongoing
Dig holes for to plant spring flowers	A.Mc Quaid	End October 2021	Completed
Virtual Green Schools Biodiversity Meeting	Coordinator	November 2021	Completed
Plant spring flowers	All pupils	November 2021	Completed
Ross from The Heritage Council School visit	All pupils	December 2021	Completed
Habitat Mapping of the School Grounds and display on notice board (year 1)	Committee	December 2021	Completed
Revisited previous themes	Committee	January 2022	Completed
Biodiversity Awareness Survey (year 1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Class Committee	January 2022	Completed
Put survey together and display graphs/posters to show travel survey	Committee	January 2022	Completed
Analyse survey and mapping and suggest improvements	Committee	January 2022	Completed
Birds Around our School Webinar	Coordinator	January 2022	Completed
Birds Around our School Webinar	All pupils	February 2022	Completed
Plant 5 native trees	Committee	March 2022	Completed

	ABP Food Group		
Revisited previous themes	Committee	May 2022	Completed
Paint tyres and place them on a strip of grass in them in front of the school. Plant flowers in them	6 <sup>th</sup> Class girls Committee	June 2022	Completed
Bug hotel made and installed	Colm, Mia and Evie Mc Ardle and	June 2022	Completed



Year Two 2022/2023			
Action	Who is responsible	When will it be completed	Progress made
Establish a new Green School Travel Committee	Coordinator Staff	September 2022	Completed
Extend our log pile to provide habitat for minibeasts	Committee	October 2022	Completed
Create a leaf pile to provide habitat for minibeasts	Committee	October 2022	Completed
Inform school community that we're now in year 2, Green Schools Biodiversity	Coordinator Committee	October 2021	Ongoing
Green Schools Biodiversity Teacher Online Training	Coordinator	November 2022	Completed
Envirokids Event	Whole School Coordinator Sharon Finnegan	November 2022	Completed

Informal advisory visit	Coordinator , Sharon Finnegan	January 2023	Completed
Make birdfeeder	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2nd class	January 2023	Completed
Prepare ground for wildflower planting	Paul Gilliland	November 2022- April 2023	To be completed by early April
Green Code Competition	Committee Whole School	February 2023	Completed
Planters filled with compost and flowers donated by County Council	Sharon & Michael from County Council Committee Whole School	March 2023	Unfavourable weather conditions, now due to be done on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March.
Fruit Trees planted in our newly formed orchard and 'meadow' area	Sharon & Michael from County Council Committee	March 2023	Completed
Curriculum Links	Whole School All teaching staff	Ongoing from Sept 2021-June 2023	Ongoing
Bird table and bath	Conor from 6 <sup>th</sup> class	Plan to have in April	Not Completed
Action Day	Whole School All staff Sharon Finnegan	Plan to have in April	Not Completed