

Step 4: Monitoring & Evaluation

In order to monitor and evaluate the school's progress, we regularly hold *Green School's* meetings to ensure that a progressive approach is taken to achieve our Action Plan. We give and get feedback from children at whole school assemblies/or within classrooms. We regularly revise the Action Plan.

While we're outside we regularly look out for any new species of birds or insects that may be seen on our school grounds. We get excited when we see new buds growing on our trees and when we witness our spring and summer flowers starting to bloom. We also look forward to seeing our wildflowers bloom for the first time during the summer.

We repeated our survey on Biodiversity Awareness and we're delighted to see that we have increased our awareness of Biodiversity amongst our pupils and staff, in particular the question on *Why Biodiversity is Important*. We had a high baseline to begin with.

We also updated the Habitat Map we had from year 1 to include the changes that have been made to our grounds e.g. the bug hotel, bird feeders/bath (to be completed), extension of our log pile, leaf pile, our wildflower area, our orchard and 5 new native trees donated from ABP meats. We're so appreciative of Sharon and Michael from Monaghan County Council and all their colleagues for supplying the fruit trees for our new orchard area. We also look forward to getting our amazing planters filled with compost and beautiful flowers in the very near future. We received these planters during our Travel Flag application and School Zone phase.

Everything is up to date on our *Green School's* Notice Board, our social media pages and on our school website. We're confident that we are an active *Green-School* maintaining previous themes (Waste, Energy, Water and Travel) while pursuing our *Green School* on Biodiversity. We have been busy. Thank you for reading.