



TIMOLEAGUE NS

*Renewal Virtual Visit with
Tricia Beecher 01.04.2022*



BUTTERFLY GARDEN





STEP 1 COMMITTEE

Adhering to the Covid Response Plan, every classroom was on the committee from March 2020. The classes were all very engaged in Green matters and had the opportunity to voice their opinions.

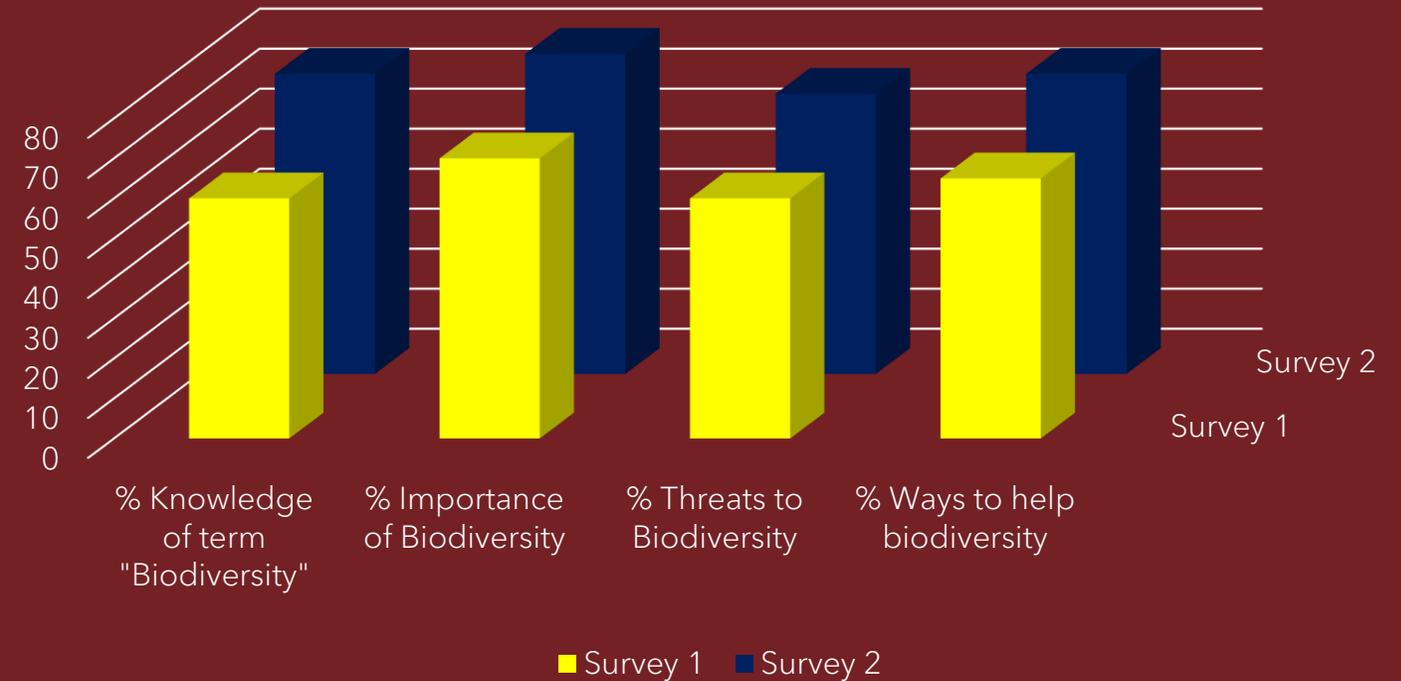
Timoleague Tidy Towns and Timoleague Community Association members are also on our Committee.



STEP 2 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW



Awareness Surveys

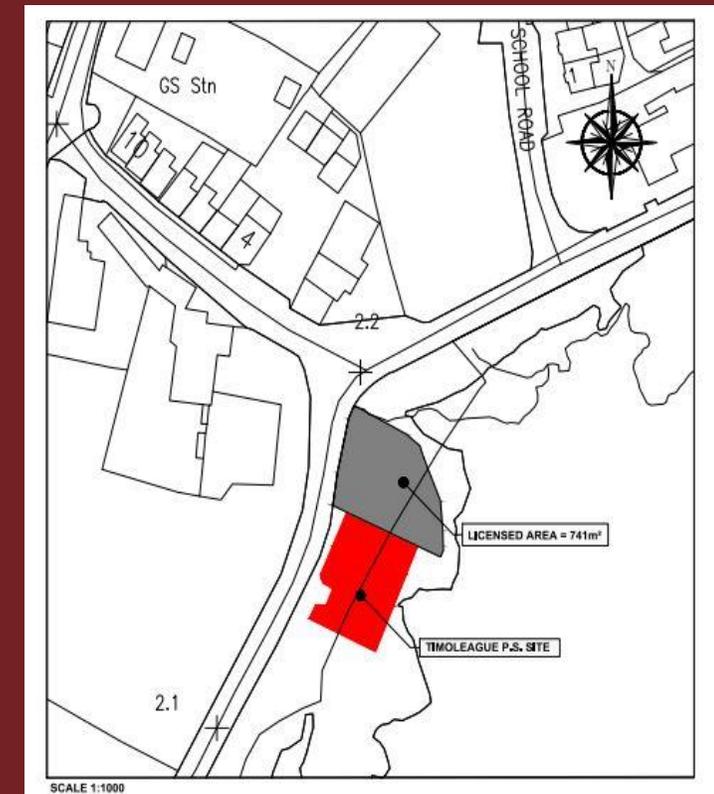


HABITAT MAPS



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In 2020 we were delighted to have secured extra land to develop a new Biodiversity Garden. Beside Timoleague Pump Station, Irish Water had a remaining piece of land. We approached them and they were delighted to support our Biodiversity plans and signed a Licence Agreement with the school for the land. All classes get the opportunity to work in this ultimate outdoor classroom.







STEP 3 ACTION PLAN



Step 3: Action Plan: 2020-2022

Action/Target	Person/Group Responsible	Timeline	Progress Made
Re-establish the Green School Committee & adhere to Covid Response Plan	Mrs. N Harte	September 2020 & 2021	Completed
Re-establish Litter Squad to continue Litter and Waste Maintenance	Mrs. N Harte	September 2020 & 2021	Completed
Speak to classes re separating waste	Class Teachers	Termly	Completed
Re-Organize a 'Be Bright Turn Off the Light' Campaign	Class Teachers	Ongoing	Completed
Energy Monitors in the classrooms to ensure lights/appliances are turned off	Class teachers	Throughout academic year	Ongoing
Create a Green School Board for displays/information during the year	Mrs. N Harte	Ongoing	Completed
Inform Home of the aims for the G.S. programme and encourage an emphasis on biodiversity	Mrs. N Harte	Ongoing	Completed
National Spring Clean	Mrs Harte & Green School Committee	Annually	Ongoing
School Garden	Susan, Valerie & all classes	Throughout the year	Ongoing
Biodiversity Garden – approach Irish Water for spare land	Norma Harte	Summer 2020	Completed
Rain harvesting system for the school & bio garden	Valerie Burns	September 2020	Completed
Cycle Right Programme	Norma Harte, Wild Atlantic Sports & 4 th class	Each May/June	Ongoing



GREENHOUSE

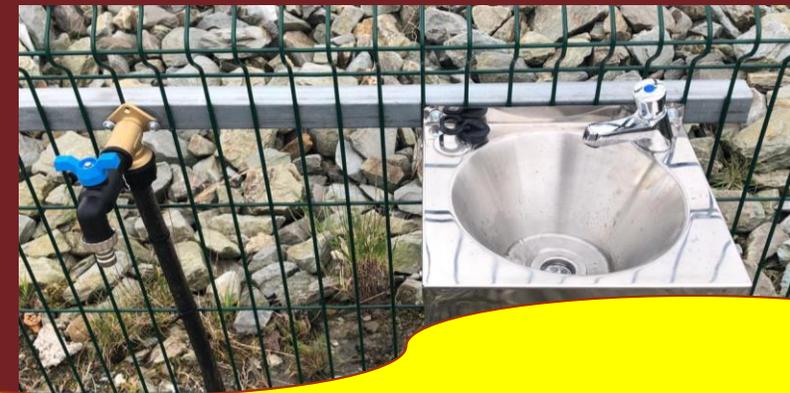
We won a Greenhouse from Bandon Co-op & Homevalue Retail & Garden Centre.

Our New Greenhouse

PEOPLE JUMPED INTO ACTION

The generosity of time, materials and labour from locals is incredibly appreciated.

Our greenhouse is now fully operational with the raised beds beautifully made and donated by Niall McInerney. We have lovely planting containers thanks to Declan Cullinane which are nourishing our lovely strawberry plants donated by Mary Rose Hurley. Cathal Dinneen donated stone for inside the greenhouse.



Thanks to Colin Griffin who donated and installed our rain water collector. We now have access to water and handwashing facilities in the garden itself. Thanks to Michael Lynch for the wash basin. Thanks to Kevin Collins and Clive Cahalane for connecting the water.



Thanks to Karen & Alan Long for their very generous donation of topsoil.



Thanks to Geoffrey Hanbidge for hanging the gate in the Biodiversity Garden.



Thanks to Bandon Coop for providing us with garden equipment.



Videos of the pupils explaining their work in the Bio Garden.

STEP 4 MONITORING & EVALUATING



*How do we know that our focus on
Biodiversity is working?*



Our embankments are planted with bee and butterfly friendly plants that are full of life!

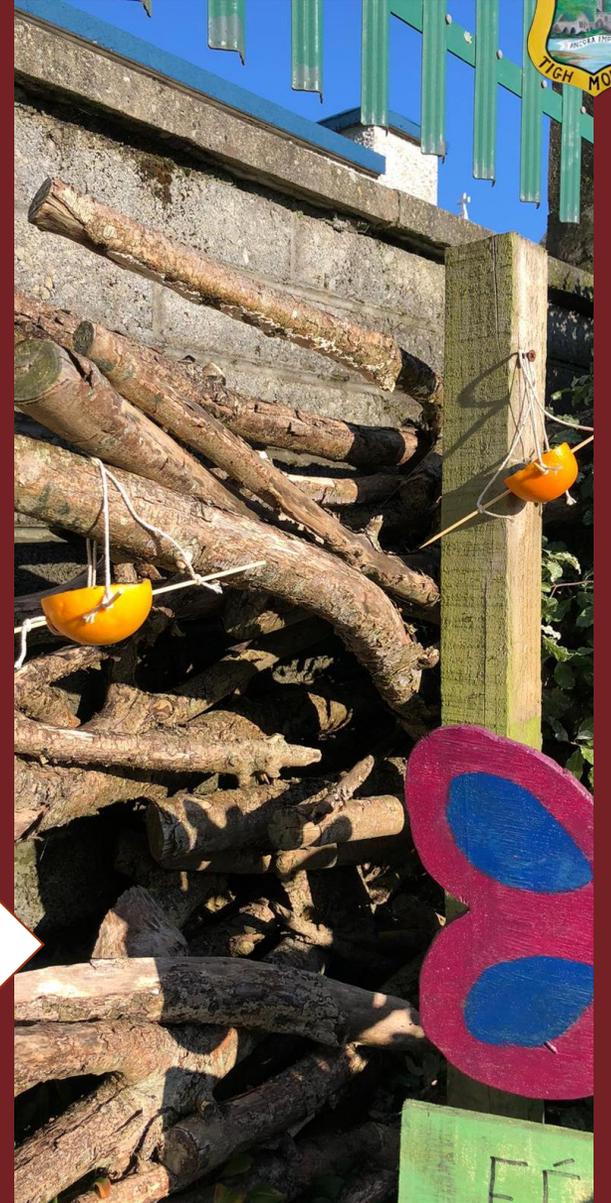




We thought about different gardening techniques. One class built a Hugelkultur – a no dig bed. They presented this to the judges of Science Blast.



We have created log piles and feeders



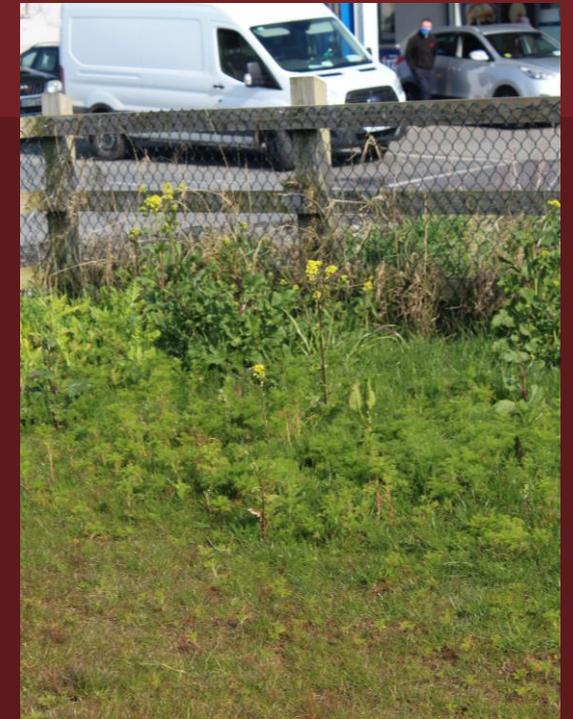
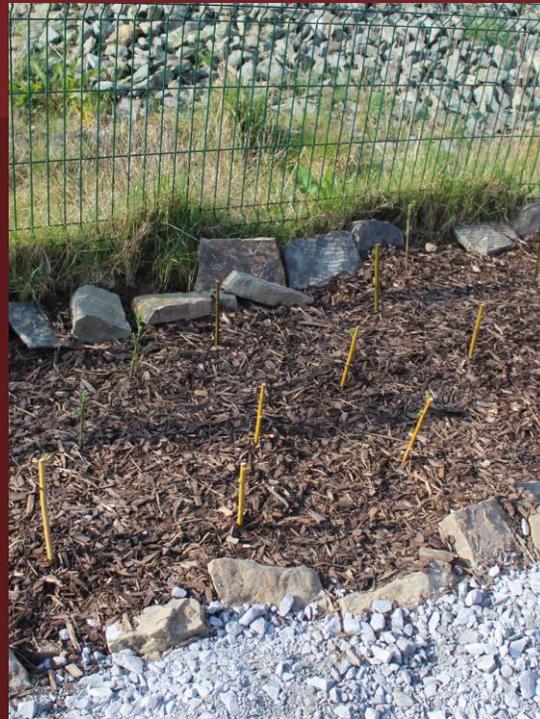


We are experimenting with vegetables and fruit in the greenhouse.



We have a "Food Celebration Day" where the pupils enjoy what they grow!

Our new Biodiversity Garden is taking shape – Wildlife Pond, Hugelkultur, Greenhouse, newly planted trees, willow and rain harvesting system.





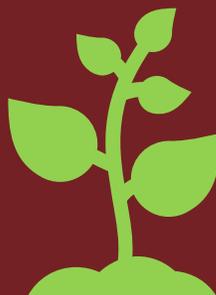
*Our Wildflower
Path to the garden
is admired by the
local community.*

STEP 5 CURRICULUM LINKS





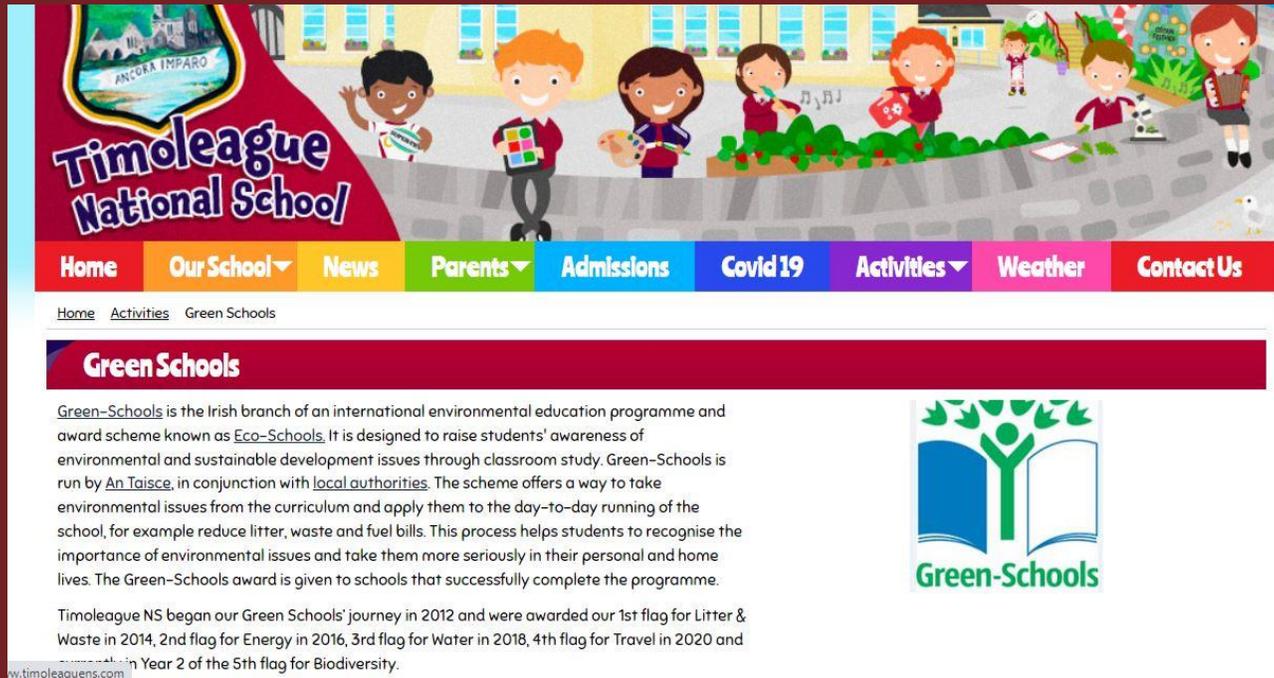
Class	Activity	Curriculum Links
Junior Infants	Signs of Spring	Science: Living Things, Plants and Animals.
Junior Infants	Signs of Autumn	Science: Living Things, Plants and Animals.
Senior Infants	Leaf Scavenger Hunt	PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals, Geography: The Local Natural Environment
Senior Infants	Learn at School, Grow at Home Project	Literacy, Science, Numeracy, Art
Infants	Fruit Bird Feeders	Visual Art: Construction. Science: Plants & Animals
1st class	Bulb Planting	PE: Outdoor Challenge, SPHE: Environmental Care, Science: Plants and Animals, Properties and Characteristics of materials
2nd class	Bulbicious Project	PE: Outdoor Challenge, SPHE: Environmental Care, Science: Plants and Animals, Properties and Characteristics of materials
2nd class	Lettuce Planting	PE: Outdoor Challenge, SPHE: Environmental Care, Science: Plants and Animals, Properties and Characteristics of materials
3rd class	Pollinator Area	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE
4th class	Science Blast Decomposition Project	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE
4th class	Picker Pals Programme	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE
5th class	Water Quality Project (Science Blast, Young Scientist & YEA Awards)	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE
6th class	Fertiliser Project (Science Blast, Young Scientist & YEA Awards)	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE
6th class	Wildlife Pond	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE
All classes	World Wetlands Day Field Trip	PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals, Geography: The Local Natural Environment
All classes	Tree Planting	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants & Animals. SPHE



STEP 6 INFORMING & INVOLVING



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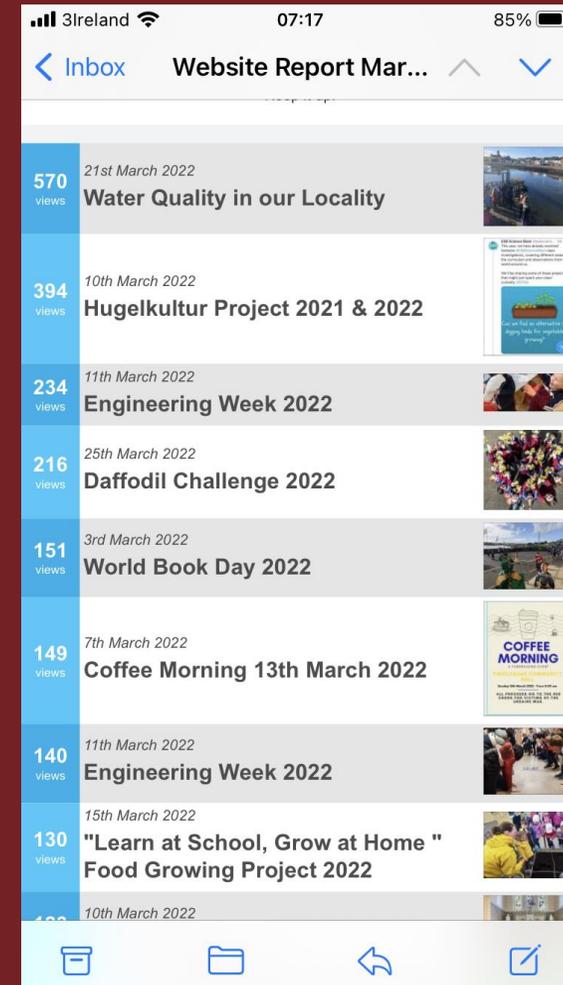
Green Schools

Green-Schools is the Irish branch of an international environmental education programme and award scheme known as Eco-Schools. It is designed to raise students' awareness of environmental and sustainable development issues through classroom study. Green-Schools is run by An Taisce, in conjunction with local authorities. The scheme offers a way to take environmental issues from the curriculum and apply them to the day-to-day running of the school, for example reduce litter, waste and fuel bills. This process helps students to recognise the importance of environmental issues and take them more seriously in their personal and home lives. The Green-Schools award is given to schools that successfully complete the programme.

Timoleague NS began our Green Schools' journey in 2012 and were awarded our 1st flag for Litter & Waste in 2014, 2nd flag for Energy in 2016, 3rd flag for Water in 2018, 4th flag for Travel in 2020 and 5th flag for Biodiversity in Year 2 of the 5th flag for Biodiversity.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



3rd class Science Projects

3rd class had a phenomenal week last week presenting their science project on **biogelatur** to judges from the Primary Science Fair at BTYSE and Science Blast. Their feedback was incredible and they well deserved their trip to the shop on Friday afternoon. Special thank you to Mr. **Messias** and Valerie Burns for all their help on the project. The following is feedback from one judge:

"Wow! I was impressed from the very start by the information that 3rd class presented to me. The pupils had a clear question which they set out to research and produce. What a super idea to create a PowerPoint to explain your project **remotely**! All of the speakers spoke in a calm knowledgeable manner and was impressed greatly by their confidence. Their presentation was beautifully laid out with clear headings and bright **coloured** photographs of each stage of their build. I was very interested in why they chose to do this project and they outlined their reasons with great clarity.

This is obviously a project that all the children of the class were involved in and they all took ownership of. Their level of knowledge of their topic, creating the **biogelatur**, and the theory and history behind it was outstanding and was at a much higher level that I would expect from a group of pupils their age. In fact, their level and knowledge would be impressive in students twice their age! They involved **parents** in the project by measuring their **biogelatur** around both when they made it and after and made predictions on how much it would sink. I really loved that they were able to explain clearly what they learned from doing the project. This was an all-encompassing **science** that involved composting, recycling, biodiversity and sustainability. I was really impressed that this project came about as a sustainable solution to the real-life problem of planting on rocky ground. A fantastic outside the box idea which made use of everyday local materials. I am sure that this class will continue to work on and develop their biodiversity garden throughout their time in **Timoleague NS**.

Finally, your class should be really proud of the team effort that you put into this project. You are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers, parents and helpers that made it possible for you to complete such an amazing project.

Thank you for sharing your work with me. I am very happy that I had the opportunity to judge your project and I will definitely be giving **biogelatur** a go in the Autumn with my classes!"

Timoleague National School - 24.05.2021

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Garden

Senior Infants are sending in stunning photos of their "Learn at School, Grow at Home" project. Please continue to send photos of their work and progress to the school.

Timoleague National School - 19.04.2021

Primary Science at the BT Young Scientist 2021

3rd class project on **biogelatur** qualified for the virtual finals of the Primary Science Fair at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition 2021. Due to the remote learning, the event was postponed for primary schools. This has now been rescheduled for the week starting May 17th. Their project is building a **biogelatur** in the biodiversity garden. This is a horticultural technique where a mound constructed from decaying wood debris and other compostable biomass plant materials is later planted as a raised bed. Mr. **Messias** and 3rd class did the practical work before Christmas and are now preparing for their presentation for the judges.

Timoleague National School - 26.04.2021

Biodiversity Garden

Another week of loads of work in our school garden. Junior Infants have planted their peas.

Senior Infants planted carrots as part of their Learn at School, Grow at Home project.

3rd class have been measuring their **biogelatur** & 5th class are continuing with their Wildlife Pond. Thanks to Karen & Alan Long for their very generous donation of topsoil.

Timoleague National School - 29.04.2021

Garden

Senior Infants finished up their 6 weeks of "Learn at School, Grow at Home" this week. Please continue to send photos of their work and progress to the school.

Thanks to Geoffrey **Messias** for hanging the gate in the Biodiversity Garden.

Timoleague National School - 10.06.2021

Military Style Fun Sessions

Pupils from 5th & 6th class will take part in 2 separate Military Style Fun Sessions with Lorna from Feel Good Health & Fitness tomorrow Thursday June 10th.

5th class will have a session on Tuesday June 15th.

They will take part in obstacle courses including crawling under nets, lifting poils, rolling, jumping, hopping over and under obstacles.

1st class - Greenhouse

1st class will be visiting the Greenhouse this morning to examine their growing efforts!

Junior Infants

Look at how proud our Junior Infants are with their peas that they grew in school.

Senior Infants - Learn at School Grow at Home

Senior Infants were examining their "Learn at School Grow at Home" garden in school on Tuesday. Please continue to send in photos of their at home efforts.

Timoleague National School - 10.06.2021

5th class Wildlife Pond & Science Blast

5th class' Wildlife Pond project was accepted by Science Blast. A wildlife pond is a fantastic feature to add to our biodiversity garden. It will offer a source of drinking water as well as a home for lots of biodiversity. Under the guidance of Valerie Burns, Mrs. Gleeson & Helen Crowley, the class have been working weekly since November planning and constructing their wildlife pond. They will audit and monitor what species come to visit and live there and how they help with biodiversity. They are presenting their project virtually to 5th Science Blast judge today, June 10th.



Timoleague National School - 10.06.2021

1st class - Greenhouse

1st class visited the Greenhouse last Thursday to examine their growing efforts from throughout the year.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Senior Infants will be going to our local playground and having a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Tuesday June 15th. They can wear their own clothes to school and bring along their teddy bear if they wish. This will be the same day as their Food Celebration sampling the wonderful produce they've grown in school under the guidance of Valerie and Yvonne.



Junior Infants will be having their Teddy Bears' Picnic on Monday June 21st. They are invited to bring in a teddy and wear their own clothes.

Timoleague National School - 11.10.2021

Biodiversity Garden

It was the turn of 1st & 2nd class to work in the Biodiversity Garden last week. As well as catching up on the development of the Wildlife Pond, they planted grass and wildflower seeds.



Timoleague National School - 01.11.2021

Biodiversity Garden

We are very proud to be part of the wonderful combined effort from Timoleague Community Playschool, Timoleague Tidy Towns and ourselves to plant over 400 daffodil bulbs across the village. This is part of the Youth Daffodil Challenge with the Irish Cancer Society. 2nd & 3rd class planted the bulbs in our Biodiversity Garden.



6th class were completing their Wildlife Pond with aquatic sand and plants. They have been working on this project since last year.



Timoleague National School - 08.11.2021

Water Quality in our Locality Project

5th class are tackling a science project on Water Quality in our Locality. They are taking samples and testing them from 11 different locations in Timoleague. They will be testing at high tide, low tide, before and after stormy weather etc.



Timoleague National School - 29.11.2021

Picker Pals

4th class are doing phenomenal work on the new Picker Pals Initiative. Picker Pals gives young people the tools and positive motivation to develop stewardship of their local environments.

Thank You to all the 4th class pupils, parents and families willing to create a better environment for our shared future. It is a great cross-generational activity that gets people out and about doing something they might not have done before. Children can share the experience with friends. We are looking forward to the children sharing their experiences with everyone. If you have any photos to share, please send to 0862551187. Thank You for participating.

Well done to Clara, Sophie, Sadhbh & Joey who have been busy making their own local environments litter free!



Timoleague National School - 13.12.2021

WEEE Battery Collection

Timoleague National School is a collection point for batteries.

Recycling your families waste batteries ensure precious materials can be recovered for re-use in manufacturing, and any hazardous waste is disposed of safely.

If anyone needs a battery box, please ask at the office.



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World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day takes place Wednesday February 2nd and is an opportunity to coordinate global, national and local efforts to raise awareness about wetlands. Wetlands are critically important ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability, world economies and more.

We have invited Heritage in Schools expert Calvin Jones of Ireland's Wildlife to the school on Wednesday and he will accompany classes on a walk along the estuary.

World
Wetlands Day
2 February 2022



Wetlands Action for
People and Nature



SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

*We have very active social media channels
@TimoleagueNS on Facebook, Instagram and
Twitter*

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4th class have worked so hard on their Decomposition project. Th...
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Water Quality in our Locality
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Young Environmental Awards
2022-18 - Wildlife Pond
CONGRATULATIONS!



SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

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Young Environmental Awards

Grid of 12 photos showing school activities: a building, a garden, children on a path, a science project, children in a greenhouse, a compost bin, children in a field, a science project, children in a field, a science project, children in a field, a science project.

ESB SCIENCE BLAST DELIVERED BY THE RDS

Grid of 12 photos showing school activities: a building, a garden, children on a path, a science project, children in a greenhouse, a compost bin, children in a field, a science project, children in a field, a science project, children in a field, a science project.

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Green School, Active School, Health Promoting School, Digital School of Distinction, GIY School, Muintir Na Tíre, Picker Pals, Amber Flag, YEA Winners

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5th class did themselves & the school very proud today

BT Young Scientist @BT... · 1d
Day 1 has begun for our Virtual #BTYTE 2022 Primary Science

STEP 7
GREEN CODE





Timoleague NS Biodiversity Code



*If we want to live in harmony
we must take care of the honey bee
and support biodiversity,
then we could live in unity.*

*We could help all the plants
and even the little ants,
It's time to let it grow
to pollution we say No!*



TIMOLEAGUE NS BIODIVERSITY CODE

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And support Biodiversity
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