

Scoil Naomh Aingeal

Green Schools Newsletter

St Angela's
where great oaks out of little acorns grow



An Triú Brat Glas

Tá athas orainn anseo I Scoil Naomh Aingeal cuireadh a tabhairt do phobal na scoile a bheith páirteach linn sa tionscnamh do na Scoileanna Glasa

Here in Scoil Naomh Aingeal progress is well under way in our attempt to raise our third Green Flag.

The theme of this year's flag is

Biodiversity and the committee have been very busy en-

suring that all classes are more aware of Biodiversity in our world as well as maintaining our excellent standard when it comes to Reusing and Recycling as well as Energy Awareness

Through our participation in the Green Schools Programme, we Endeavour to work together towards a cleaner, greener, healthier environment for future generations.

Action Day

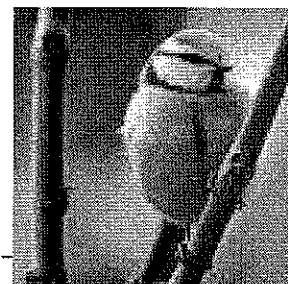
One of the steps in the Green Schools Project is our Action Day which will take place on 15th October next.

A number of activities will be going on that day with a "Clean Up" and a Variety Show based on the theme of Biodiversity.

There will also be displays of the children's work on the corridors.

All parents are invited to the school on that day. The Variety Show will commence @ 11am and will last for one hour approx.

Ag súil le buladh libh ar an lá



Biodiversity Slogans

It's the circle of life that keeps us alive

Live and let live

**United we stand
United we fall
Biodiversity
Can save us all**

Pretty please save our trees

Save plants or you'll have ants in your pants!!!!

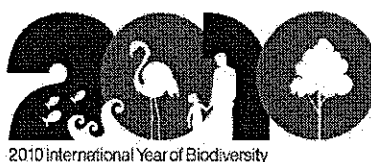
Biodiversity's really great, hug the trees and water the plants. The birds eat the worms, the worms eat the dirt and that's what biodiversity is all about!

Protect our Biodiversity and our future is guaranteed

2010 -International Year of Biodiversity

On the 28th and 29th of September 2010 5th classes went on a trip to Ballycroy National Park. We left the Mall at 9.00am and arrived at our destination at 10am. Cathy was our tour guide for the day and gave us lots of valuable information on Biodiversity as well as show-

ing us lots of photos of the park. We then went on a walk of the park to see these pictures in reality. It was a fantastic day and we saw lots of sights from the walk ranging from Slieve Mor in Achill to the Nephin Beg Mountain Range.



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

Biodiversity Facts

- Biodiversity is the foundation of life on Earth
- 17,291 species out of 47,677 so far assessed are threatened with extinction
- Of the world's 5,490 mammals, 79 are Extinct or Extinct in the Wild, with 188 Critically Endangered, 449 Endangered and 505 Vulnerable.
- More than 70,000 plant species are used in traditional and modern medicine.
- Biodiversity is essential to global food security and nutrition and also serves as a safety net to poor households during times of crisis

Gairdín na Scoile

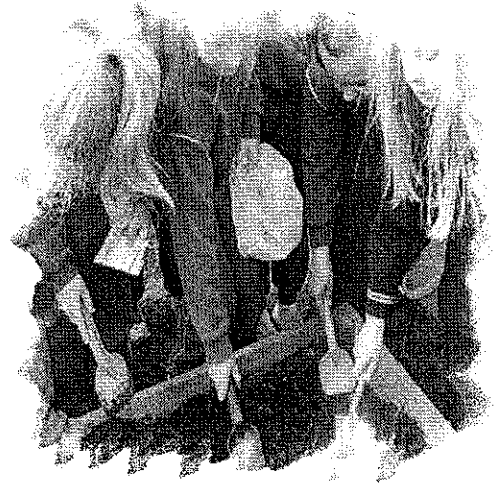
On Tuesday, May 11th 2010, we planted the school vegetable garden.

Planting commenced following the installation of four large raised beds in a sunny location between the main school building and the Infant classrooms.

Pupils were encouraged to bring

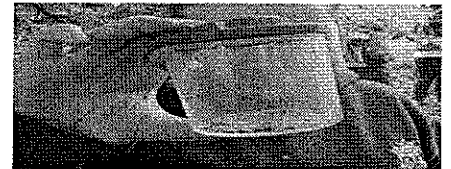
to school, gardening tools, seeds, plants and anything that would contribute to the formation of a vegetable garden.

Firstly the pupils dug over the soil, breaking up any clumps. Then they watered it lightly prior to planting. A wide selection of vegetables and herbs were planted either as seeds or in bedding plant form - celery, onions, lettuce, beans, radishes, broccoli, cauliflower, peas, basil, chives and strawberries - to name but a few!



Heritage in Schools

Martina Butler from the INTO Heritage for Schools Scheme came to visit the school to tell us about the Web of Life and Biodiversity. It was great to learn about how all the plants animals and humans depend on each other. We also learned all about Irelands meadows, wetlands and woodlands. Thanks a million Martina



A Trip to the Bottle Bank

Senior Infants recently visited the bottle bank at the Mayo County Council Offices They were given some bottles to recycle and learned about the different coloured bins. The girls learned all about the materials that can be recycled. They are now more aware of the importance of recycling at home & at school.



Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools Committee is made up of 2 pupils from each class from 1st-6th class. The senior classes then explain to the junior and senior infants the results of all meetings. Michael is also an integral part of our committee.