

**“The school through its recycling endeavours has massively reduced its carbon footprint, Thanks to everyone involved in the school” Mr. O’Reilly**

Green Schools are not a new challenge for our Transition Years, nor is it a challenge often failed. Led by Mr. O’Reilly, volunteers stood proud at our recycling bins guiding people into the right choice on where to put their litter. Mr O’Reilly was overwhelmed by the sheer amount of applicants this year and because of this, he rewarded half of the team with a trip to Swords recycling centre and a McDonald’s meal. Overall this was a very strong start to our TY and greatly beneficial to the school.

The Green Schools were only more than happy to oblige when a team of students requested permission and supplies for a litter picking scheme around the school. It was such a success that all students involved in Green Schools now complete a local litter picks up on a weekly basis!! Because of this several students have now attended a ‘Tidy Towns’ meeting to offer our services and plan new routes. Many projects similar to this have happened over the years. An attempt was made to introduce food waste bins into our school, a member of that team said ‘Although the project didn’t take off, we would like to thank all members of staff who got involved as they we’re all a huge help’.

I think it goes without saying that this year’s Transition Year have really contributed to this schools Green School in a very outstanding way.

By Jack Bollard.