

Eco Schools Action Plan Sept 2019-June 2021



Area	Where are we now	What we want to achieve	Actions to be taken	When	Who involved?	Review and evaluation	Resources
Outdoor Learning	Outdoor learning has been a focus in our urban school for the past number of years with limited space and access to natural environment. Improvements have been made with painting, raised beds and play equipment. Progression is already visible upon	We want to achieve clearly designated play areas that compliment the areas of learning indoors such as a performance arts/ music area, water play area. We want to get more regular use of sand tray and digging area/ garden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create outdoor classroom • More quiet areas for sitting • Rethink outdoor layouts/ playground markings *access to fake grass/willow tunnel • Outdoor brain break area • Painting woodwork and walls • Natural resources- stones, shells, conkers etc • Redesign 	<p>Quiet areas for sitting by Oct 2019</p> <p>Willow tunnel access to be addressed by May 2020</p> <p>Painting woodwork by Dec 2019</p> <p>Natural resources intro</p>	<p>Nursery assistants setting up in am</p> <p>Miss Heaney and Mr Cash</p> <p>Mr Cash</p> <p>Mrs McAlea and Miss Heaney</p>		<p>Purchase of additional outdoor books and cushions?</p> <p>Outdoor paint and resources</p> <p>Children to gather</p>

	visiting.	We aim to introduce more free choice to include outdoor learning throughout the day.	<p>digging area for use with topic enhancements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free movement/open plan play • Swing • Access at classroom 2/sunshine-enclosure • All weather policy • Take part in WWL campaign and Wheelie big challenge” (UN sustainable goal 12 responsible consumption) 	<p>ongoing</p> <p>Continuous provision in digging area by April 2020</p> <p>Swing by June 2021</p> <p>Classroom 2 access by March 2021</p> <p>All weather policy by June 2021</p> <p>Miss Heaney to complete applications both years with evidence from children and parents</p>	<p>Miss Heaney with provision/permission from board for installation?</p> <p>Mrs McAlea BOG</p>		<p>natural resources with parents</p> <p>SDP in Oct 2019</p> <p>Fence/boarding?</p> <p>Visits to another nursery? St Michaels, Clare Mcallister?</p>
Transport	We have taken part in Translink	To encourage a healthier lifestyle by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translink travel challenge participation 	June 2020 and 2021	Miss Heaney Parents		Visible walking sign/lollipop lady

	<p>active travel competition once before but at other times of year, single car use is still high. We have received complaints from local residents about parking on the street</p>	<p>active modes of transport. An increase in children walking/ scooting/ cycling to school. Reduction in car parking issues with local residents. An improvement in gross motor skills among children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking bus • Monitor modes of transport • Books about transport- link with Santa bus and fire engine visit • Add to parent audit questionnaire? • (UN Sustainable goal 3 Good health and wellbeing) • (UN Sustainable development goal 7 clean energy) • (UN sustainable development goal 13 climate action) 	<p>Once each term walking buss and assess if it becomes more regular</p> <p>Sept 2020</p>	<p>Children</p> <p>Assistant volunteer for walking bus? Mrs W or Mrs B?</p> <p>Cathy to audit at parent group</p>		<p>sign and hi vis jackets.</p>
Biodiversity	<p>We have a minibeast hotel and hedgehog house. Bird feeders are</p>	<p>More regular use of outdoor garden. To encourage a wider variety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdhouses and/or birdbath • Edited play rota for more use of garden area 	<p>March 2020</p> <p>Sept 2019</p>	<p>Gardening club</p> <p>Miss Heaney</p>		<p>Wood and building equipment with risk assessment.</p>

	<p>used seasonally. Gardening club plants flowers and veg</p>	<p>of animals to our setting. To encourage children to observe, explore and investigate the outdoor area fostering an appreciation for nursery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before and after surveys of birds and minibeasts • Addition of binoculars and magnifying glasses to outdoor play area • Visit outdoor area in St Michaels • Visit form Michael McCrory 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>May 2020</p> <p>Oct 2019</p> <p>Nov 2021</p>	<p>Children</p> <p>Assistants to put out, Mrs McAlea to purchase</p> <p>Miss Heaney</p>		
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