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Keeping you up-to-date with Green-Schools in Ireland!

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Green-Schools



Local Authorities

Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all our Green-Schools a Happy New Year! 2011 was a busy and exciting year for Green-Schools with a huge array of activities taking place including: Seminars; Teacher Training Course; Summer Camps; Award Ceremonies; Tree Planting; National COW Day; National WOW Day; Repak Recycling School of the Year; Travel Competition; and the HSBC Climate Initiative Poster Competition, to name a few!

2012 looks set to be an even busier year for the Green-Schools programme with a calendar of exciting events already planned! You can keep up-to-date on all our

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Green-Schools Travel Competition

This years Travel Competition will be open to all Green-Schools currently working on

events through our website, www.greenschoolsireland.org.



Green-Schools Launches New Website

Green-Schools, the hugely successful environmental education programme administered in Ireland by An Taisce, launched a brand new website this month in Larkin Community College who were awarded their first Green Flag last year. The site features a new design and layout, improved navigation, specialised information, and rich content, making the website more effective and user friendly. The website has been redesigned with a host of new features! [More>>](#)

Sponsor Spotlight!

Repak has been the lead sponsor of the Green-Schools programme for five years. Here Laura Murphy tells us about this successful partnership:

"Repak is an industry funded organisation whose aim is to facilitate and grow packaging



New Application Process

From September 2011, Green-Schools are introducing some changes to the application process for renewal of the Green Flag.

There is now on [online application form](#) available for each theme that schools can use when they wish to apply for the renewal of the Green Flag. The forms have been developed so they can be filled in easily online and emailed to our office. [More>>](#)

the Travel theme. Entries will be accepted from 1st February 2012 until 9th March 2012. Keep an eye on the [website](#) to see this year's competition and to check out the [winners](#) from previous years! [More >>](#)

Deadline for Renewal Applications

The deadline for receipt of renewal applications is Friday, March 30th, 2012. Remember that your school must have a [Renewal Visit](#) before you submit your application. You can find out details of the Renewal Application Procedure [here](#) or by contacting us at greenschools@antaisce.org. [More>>](#)

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean is Ireland's most popular, well recognised and successful anti-litter initiative. National Spring Clean traditionally takes place throughout the month of April and is a great activity for an Action Day! You can register now to take part! [More>>](#)



recycling in Ireland. Based on the principle of producer responsibility, Repak was established to help businesses meet their legal obligations to fund the recovery and recycling of the packaging on the goods or services they supply and place on the market, as set out in the [Waste Management \(Packaging\) Regulations 2007](#).

Repak is proud to be the lead sponsor of the highly successful An Taisce Green Schools program for five years now. The program is exceptionally well founded and has grown from strength to strength, year on year. We at Repak believe that educating our younger generations about the environment and teaching them how to recycle more and recycle better will make a big difference for the future of our environment. Education is key to the success of ensuring that we protect our environment for the future.

We have a Schools section on our website www.recyclemore.ie and in this you will find a teachers resource section where you will be able to download lesson plans, classroom activities and also a fun zone for games."



Planting Some Positivity!

Not even the rain could dampen our Green-School's spirits as the Green-Schools Woodland was launched in Ballinreeshig Nature Farm, Co. Cork in conjunction with Will and Away Outdoor Education Company on Thursday 17th November, 2011.

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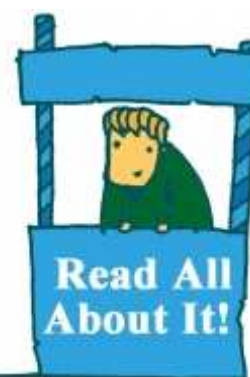


Meet the Team!

Joanne Scott is a Green-Schools Officer based in our Dublin Office. Here she tells us about working for the Green-Schools programme:

"I have enjoyed working for the An Taisce Education Unit for five years now. My primary degree was in Geography and Sociology. After graduating from NUI Maynooth in 2001

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