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BEST OF LUCK TO THE CAMOIGE GIRLS WHO ARE IN THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL



First year students and Green School Committee members went on a tour to Matt Fogarty's tree farm in Ballinderry, Co. Tipperary during October 2012.

The Green Schools Committee carried out an Energy survey in Banagher. The survey was carried out during December, and there was a wide range of questions from fuel usage to knowledge of renewable energies. They also handed out SWITCH OFF SAVE ENERGY signs.

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A Green School Survey Team with Eugene Flynn.



Art students and Ms Kelleher made our mascot, the green spaceman, to put up in the school with the caption "Seven small steps for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Green Schools Quiz

There is an upcoming quiz for junior classes. The quiz will be about energy saving, recycling and keeping green. There will be a prize for the winning team!



The Green Scene

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Spring 2013

Action Day

The Green Schools Action Day was on Monday the 18th of February. There was a talk for junior classes and also the ESB ecar, a Nissan Leaf was in the school for the day for the students to see.



Our goal this year is to renew our Green Schools flag. The renew date is March 22nd.

Solar Panels

The Green Schools Committee have made solar panels which are situated at the front of the school, near the drop-off area. The panels are being monitored by Carl Shepard, who records the temperature daily.



- 1) **Seven Green Steps:**
- 1) Green-Schools Committee
 - 2) Environmental Review
 - 3) Action Plan
 - 4) Monitoring and Evaluation
 - 5) Curriculum Work
 - 6) Informing and Involving
 - 7) Green Code

Members Of the Green Schools Committee:

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- Mr. Jordan
- Carl Shepard
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- Gavin Regan
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- Ciarán Fogarty
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- Steven Dolan
- Emma Treacy
- Emma Reilly
- Mark Birmingham
- Katie Mitchell
- Gianluca Perna
- Stephen Treacy

C+F company based in Athenry Co. Galway manufacture wind turbines. They are coming to our school to access the site to see if it is suitable for a wind turbine.



Energy Saving tip :
If you haven't already changed to energy efficient bulbs at home. This will save energy and money!



The school has switched from ESB Electric Ireland with only 11.56% renewable energy and 520g per kwh Co2 Emissions to Airtricity Ireland with 24% renewable energy and only 450g per kwh Co2 Emissions after lobbying by the Green Schools Committee last year.

Our Green schools email address: greenschools@bccns.ie



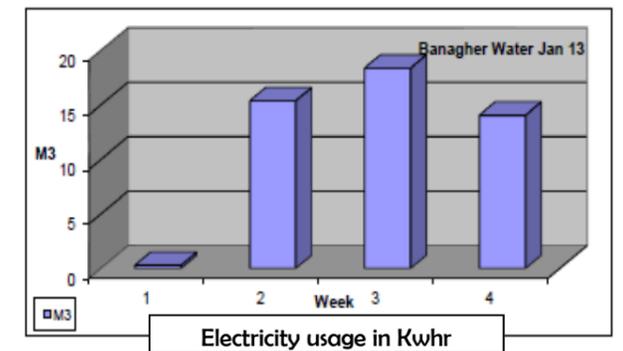
Students and teachers enjoying the electric car on Action Day. Thanks to ESB Electric Ireland for supplying the car.



Students also got to sit in the car to see what it was like on the inside, some even got a spin around the yard in this 100% electric and silent car.

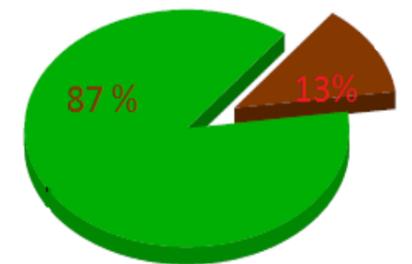


New Green Code:
**Turn Off the Light,
Keep the Future
Bright !**



We monitor and record each month our energy usage and the volumes of waste. We aim to reduce energy consumption and keep waste to a minimum, currently we recycle 87% of our waste. The lighting system in the school is a problem in terms of energy usage, we are working on this and have made suggestions as to how to rectify this problem.

Recovered vs. Un-recoverable



**GET UP OFF
YOUR**



**Walk or cycle
to school!
Save energy**

Banagher College Green Schools Committee

A message to all the students in walking distance to school. Walking or cycling to schools will save petrol or diesel and also improve your health. Many students from the town are being dropped right to the door, causing a lot of traffic congestion each morning.



Students sowing tree seeds in the school greenhouse. They gathered the seeds from Matt Fogarty's tree farm and brought them back to the school to plant. We hope to have at least 50 young trees in the spring time