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| **Goal: to ensure the whole school is fully aware of the Green-Schools Biodiversity programme and to encourage their participation in the programme** | **Time Scale** | **Responsibility** |  |
| Elect a new committee | October | Class teachers | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Send a letter home to parents informing them that the school is now participating in Green Schools Biodiversity | October | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Continue litter and waste duties – 6th class rota for bin collection | Ongoing | 6th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Ensure that the recycling unit area is still in use | Ongoing | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Carry out an environmental review for our biodiversity theme to examine the level of awareness among students and staff | October | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Pupils to carry out a similar review at home | October | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Encourage ‘Green Schools’ themed curriculum work  Prepare lesson plans for other teachers | October | Class Teachers | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Design some Green Schools garden posters and get them printed by Brennan Signs in Inniskeen | October | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Erect Green Schools posters in the courtyard and hang biodiversity themed garden decorations in the area | October | Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Erect attractive child friendly pencil posts in the school garden along with garden signs, bird tables, bug hotels and hedgehog homes. | October | Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise a Halloween Fancy Dress.  Costumes should be made from recycled materials and based the theme of energy | October | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise a biodiversity workshop to visit the school (Dale)  Plant trees and shrubs within the school grounds.  Create a prairie garden area to attract ladybirds and butterflies by planting a variety of wild flower seed mixes | October | Ms. Lennon  All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Take part in the Christmas Shoe box appeal | November | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise a ‘Jumble Sale and Cake Sale’ to encourage recycling | December | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Order a delivery of garden underlay and decorative chipping stones to decorate the walkway areas of the school garden | December | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange for Vincent to complete the ground work in the garden | December | Ms. Clarke | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Habitat Map the school grounds and create a list of the biodiversity in our school with Dale | December | 5th and 6th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Quantify and display the results of the surveys on the Green Schools notice board | January | 3rd and 4th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Analyse the survey and suggest recommendations | January | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Conduct species survey in all classes (minibeasts, birds, plants, trees) | January | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Design awareness posters and erect them around the school | January | 3rd and 4th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a Scrap Book to display photographs of activities and projects that we took part in to date | January | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Elect members of the committee to become the ‘Energy Squad’.  Energy checklist chart to be implemented in each classroom:   * Turn Lights off when class is out. * Turn sockets off when classroom is empty. * Keep windows and doors closed to keep heat in. * Turn taps off properly to avoid drips * Check that the temperature is between 15-18 degrees C | January | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Hold a poster/slogan competition to come up with a new Green Code relating to biodiversity | February | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Put a Spring Newsletter together for parents.  Inform and involve the school and wider community about our activities. Newsletter, internet & assembly | February | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Visit the workhouse in Carrickmacross to get ideas on improving our school garden and courtyard area. | February | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Ensure that the water butt is being used to water plants in the garden | February | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Designate a garden area to each class for weeding and planting | February | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Contact the garden centre and order herbs, flowers and plants and materials for collection | February | Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Transfer seedlings into the garden and continue to monitor their progress | March  Ongoing | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise a ‘Be Seen In Green’ day to link with St. Patrick’s Day  Everyone will be encouraged to wear green clothes and showcase their talents in a ‘Hoolaí sa Halla’ concert | March | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Register with An Taisce for the 2017 National Spring Clean | March | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Take part in the Incredible Edibles Garden Challenge | March | 3rd and 4th | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise and advertise an Action Day –   * Organise the event by getting parents and community involved. * Ask the ‘After School’ to join with us for the day * Reintroduce WOW day and Feet First Fridays * Watch biodiversity videos * Arrange minibeast hunts and bird surveys * Conduct an biodiversity workshop in 3rd  and 4th class. * Pick up rubbish in local area. * Tidy up the school garden and plant flowers * Paint the benches in the courtyard * Secure all new trees with supports | April | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Write an article to local newspapers to celebrate our ‘Low Energy Day’ and include photographs of the event | April | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise a Lenten toy collection to recycle unwanted toys for charity | April | Ms. Lennon | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a visit from Nial O’Connor to present him with the work we are doing and to advise us on how we can improve. | May | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a trip to visit the ‘Wetlands in Ballybay’ | May | Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange biodiversity related activities and races for school sports day  Use mint from the garden to flavor drinks  Make smoothies and soups using a variety of our fresh produce  Make salads and garnishes for lunch | June | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |

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| **Goal: To identify and investigate biodiversity in our school/local area and further afield. To help preserve and enhance biodiversity in our school.** | **Time Scale** | **Responsibility** |  |
| Continue litter and waste duties – 6th class rota for bin collection | Ongoing | 6th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Ensure that the recycling unit area is still in use | Ongoing | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Revisit last years environmental review and carry out a similar review for our biodiversity theme. Compare results. | October | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Pupils to carry out a similar review at home | October | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Encourage ‘Green Schools’ themed curriculum work  Prepare lesson plans for other teachers | October | Class Teachers | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Plant a native tree | October | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Conduct species surveys in the local community | November | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Build nesting boxes for birds out of old unused wood | November | 5th and 6th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Start an organic gardening project | November | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Create a leaf pile to provide a habitat for minibeasts | December | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Develop a nature trail around the school and design signs to mark it | December | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Twin the school with another school on migration path of a certain bird and follow their trip | January | Committee | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organize and put in action a system that will enhance biodiversity levels in the school and create new habitats (window boxes, log piles, hanging baskets, insect motels, bird baths) | February | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Gather old tyres and create an attractive planting area in the corner of the garden for herbs and flowers | February | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Create character flower beds using old tyres (minions) | March | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Create a ‘flower bed’ by painting and decorating an old wooden bed and plant a variety of flowers on it. Secure the bed in the ground. | March | 5th and 6th Class | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Register and apply with An Taisce for approval of biodiversity flag | March | Ms. Lennon  Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Organise and advertise a 2nd Action Day –   * Organise the event by getting parents and community involved. * Ask the ‘After School’ to join with us for the day * Reintroduce WOW day and Feet First Fridays * Watch biodiversity videos * Arrange minibeast hunts and bird surveys * Conduct an biodiversity workshop in 3rd  and 4th class. * Pick up rubbish in local area. * Tidy up the school garden and plant flowers * Paint the benches in the courtyard * Secure all new trees with supports | April | All Classes | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg)  [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a trip to ‘Dun a Rí’ forest park to explore the natural habitats | May | Ms. Lennon  Ms. Finnegan | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a trip to the ‘Crystal Maze’ in Kingscourt and climb the local mountain to explore the local habitats | May | Ms. Grimes  Ms. Mc Caffrey | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |
| Arrange a trip to ‘Tanagh’ to take part in outdoor pursuit and water adventure challenges | June | Ms. O’Reilly | [See full size image](http://www.aifsg.com/images/Yes%20Tick.jpg) |