

# Tipperty School

## Working Groups Newsletter

### June 2023



#### Welcome to our June Pupil Working Groups Newsletter!

#### Eco Group

Next session the Eco Group will be submitting their evidence towards the school's 8<sup>th</sup> Green Flag. Our ongoing gardening work in the school grounds, looking after the worms, as well as recycling and the Eco Fashion Show will all contribute towards the award. In terms 1 and 2 2023/24 we plan to complete a litter pick in the local community area.

Our recent trip to Haddo Country Park with the Aberdeenshire Ranger has also helped raise pupil awareness of the important theme of conservation, which links well to the work on the Green Flag.



#### Appeal for Recycled materials

As part of our ongoing House points programme, pupils are awarded house tokens for demonstrating the school values of Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Achieving. We are looking for plastic bottle caps in the following colours to support this initiative: Red, Yellow and Blue. We appreciate that these coloured bottle caps may not be

easy to come by, however we would be grateful for any that you may be able to collect.

#### 2-litre Plastic Milk bottles

We are planning a design and technology activity after the summer holidays and would be grateful for any 2 litre milk bottles that you may be able to donate. Please ensure that these items have been washed in warm, soapy water before taking them in to school.

#### Items for Courtyard

As you will be aware the school has a mud kitchen in the courtyard area. If you are throwing out any old pots and pans, ladles or wooden spoons, please could you consider donating these to the school. Children in all year groups have access to the courtyard area throughout the course of the week.

#### Gardening Group

Congratulations to Mrs Dew and the School Gardening Group on attaining the Royal Horticultural Society level 2 award!

What a fantastic achievement!

Next year we hope to work towards the Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools award. Recently the Gardening Group worked together with our garden volunteers to plant some donated trees in the school grounds. The children are

now working together on a rota to water the trees.



### **Health Group**

This session the Health Group has successfully implemented the Toast Tuckshop and this tuckshop is planned to continue after the summer holidays. The children voted to use the profits from the Tuckshop to purchase some bubbles for use at break time. A new ball has also been purchased for use in the playground.

Our pupil led “Fruitable Friday” initiative is also planned to continue into term 1. Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to school.

In our next newsletter we will share details of our “Health and Friendship” week which the children were involved in planning. Following Health week, the children in Health Group will review how it has all gone and will make plans for our next Health Week. Pictured below is an Active Schools Rugby session which took place during Health week. We look forward to continuing to work with Active Schools in the months ahead.



### **Junior Road Safety Officers Group**

This year the JRSO group have been working on promoting road safety in the

local area. Next session the JRSO group will investigate if we can design/obtain a road safety banner for display on the newly installed fences around the playground. The aim would be to encourage drivers to slow down outside the school.

### **Rotakids-Community Defibrillator**

The Rotakids Group recently worked on promoting the successful defibrillator community engagement event. The pupils all made cardboard defibrillators to raise awareness. Thank you to everyone who attended this important information event.



The Rotakids Group has links to Ythan Valley Rotary Club which is an important community link. This working group also focuses on organising fundraisers. Next session the Rotakids will continue to plan events such as “Children in Need” which will take place in November 2023.

### **Rag Bag**

The Eco Group has previously worked on promoting the Rag Bag collection in the school playground. As well as encouraging people to recycle old clothing and shoes responsibly, this is also an important fundraiser for the school. In May 2023 we were awarded £79.60 for the clothes collected. Thank you for your continued support of the Rag Bag collection!

Please get in touch if you have queries about the content of this newsletter!

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