

St. Paul's Day of Action - Energy Awareness Day  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2012



On the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 a "Green Day" was held in St. Paul's. We wanted to spread the message about the importance of "being green" and saving energy whenever possible. We discussed all of the ways that we could help our environment to be a healthier place. These are some of the things we came up with:

- ✓ WOW, COW & SOW: We should try and walk, cycle or scoot to school on weekdays whenever possible.
- ✓ Power off!! There is no point leaving computers, televisions, interactive whiteboards, lights and computer consoles switched on when nobody is using them so remember to TURN THEM OFF!!
- ✓ Prepare to standby: Did you know that leaving electrical items on standby wastes a lot of energy in homes, schools and offices all around Ireland every day. When things are

powered off we should make sure to switch them off at the wall socket too!

- ✓ **Turn it down:** Even turning down our heating by 1 or 2 degrees can help save energy and money on our electricity and gas bills.

### What did our Day of Action involve?

- ✓ **Travelling to school:** The boys and girls (and Mammies and Daddies) made a big effort to leave the cars at home on the day. We compared our survey results for "Green Day" to those results that were taken on other days of the week. The results were really interesting....don't forget to check back soon when we will have all of the data on display!
- ✓ **Energy Code:**
  - We have a Green Code which reminds us about litter and waste in St. Paul's - **Go for Green, Keep St. Paul's Clean!**
  - On "Green day" we launched our energy code. **Be right, turn off the light!!**  
Congratulations to Tara Ferguson, Hannah Dowling, Seán Delaney and Abby Hesse Mason (5<sup>th</sup> class) who composed our slogan and designed the lovely poster.
- ✓ **Eco-Promises:** Every class in St. Paul's has made a promise about the way in which they can help the environment. Our Green School Committee members are going to get down to work on creating a wind turbine to display these promises. Check back for photos soon!!

- ✓ Power it Off Hour: Could we manage without our computers and interactive white boards for an hour in the day....this was a test for all the teachers and pupils. We compared our electricity meter readings for Green Day and the day before to see how many units we had managed to save!
- ✓ "Switch it off" Monitors: Classrooms are busy places and now we have a new job to add to the list! Every class has a person responsible for making sure that the lights are turned off when we leave the classroom and that the computers are powered off in the evenings.
- ✓ A Sea of Green: St. Paul's was like the Emerald City on "Green day" as children wore lots of green to highlight the fact that we were celebrating all things environmentally friendly on Wednesday. Some pupils had even created fantastic posters and slogans to wear on their T-shirts and jumpers. Thanks to everyone for making such a big effort!!

A great day was had by all! Please continue to check back for updates on how we're getting on with our Energy Saving efforts and don't forget that you can be green and save energy with our tips at home too!!

A snapshot of our day - Say Cheese!!







