



Green-Schools

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BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITIES PER CLASS GROUP

Primary Schools

Try the suggestions for these curriculum linked activities to guide you in ensuring that the Biodiversity theme can be carried out by all classes in the school. Click on the underlined links to be brought to the relevant resource.

Increasing Biodiversity on School Grounds

Class	Activity	Resource	Curriculum Links
Junior Infants	Make a log/leaf pile	Online guide	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care. Science: Plants and Animals; Caring for myself and my locality
Senior Infants	Bug Hotel	Green Schools Video	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care. Science: Plants and Animals; Properties and Characteristics of materials
1 st Class	Acorn Planting	LEAF Resource and Demo Vid	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care, My school Community. Science: Plants and Animals; Caring for myself and my locality
2 nd Class	Herb Garden	Online guide	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care, My school community. Science: Plants and Animals; Caring for myself and my locality
3 rd Class	Make a bird bath	Online guide	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care, My school community. Science: Plants and Animals; Caring for myself and my locality
4 th Class	Hedgehog Home	Wildlife trust	PE: Outdoor Challenge. SPHE: Environmental Care. Science: Plants and Animals; Properties and Characteristics of materials
5 th Class	Make a Pollinator Area	Junior Pollinator Plan	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants and Animals. SPHE: My School Community and Living in the local community
6 th Class	Tree Planting	LEAF Resources	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants and Animals. SPHE: My School Community and Living in the local community

Investigating Biodiversity on School Grounds

Class	Activity	Resource	Curriculum Links
Junior Infants	Insect Hunt	1) Shake a tree vid 2) Ground Bug Hunt	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Geography: The Local Natural Environment. Science: Plants and Animals.
Senior Infants	Leaf Scavenger Hunt	Online guide	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment.
1 st Class	Bird Watching	Birdwatch Poster	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment
2 nd Class	Nature Diary	Green Schools Resource	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment, Environmental Awareness.
3 rd Class	Age and Height of Trees	LEAF Resource and Demo Video	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment
4 th Class	Winter fruit and seeds	Online Resource	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment
5 th Class	Habitat Map	LEAF Resource	Geography: The local, natural environment; Environmental Awareness. PE: Outdoor Challenge. Science: Plants and Animals
6 th Class	Bioblitz	Green Schools Resource	PE: Outdoor Challenges. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Natural Environment

Increasing Awareness of Biodiversity

Class	Activity	Resource	Curriculum Links
Junior Infants	Winter Tree Decorations	RSBP Resource	Visual Arts: Construction. Science: Plants and Animals
Senior Infants	Fruit Bird Feeder	LEAF Resource	Visual Arts: Construction. Science: Plants and Animals. SPHE: Environmental Care
1 st Class	Toilet Paper Plant Pots	GS Video	Visual Arts: Construction. Science: Plants and Animals
2 nd Class	Toilet Paper Bee	GS Video	Visual Arts: Construction, Paint and Colour. Science: Plants and Animals
3 rd Class	Spud Breakout	Darwin Resource	Visual Arts: Construction. Science: Plants and Animals.
4 th Class	Animal Footprint Trap	Wildlife Watch	Visual Arts: Construction. Science: Plants and Animals. Geography: The Local Environment
5 th Class	Frog Origami	GS Video	Visual Arts: Construction, Paint and Colour. Science: Plants and Animals
6 th Class	Bee Origami	GS Video	Visual Arts: Construction, Paint and Colour. Science : Plants and Animals.

Class	Species	Resource	Curriculum Links
Junior Infants	Nettles, Rowan Tree, Robin, Song Thrush, Snail, Tortoiseshell Butterfly	Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
Senior Infants	Bramble, Dandelion, Honeybee, Earthworm, Bullfinch, Blackbird	Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
1 st Class	Birch Tree, Thistle, Peacock Butterfly, Garden Bumblebee, Blue Tit, Chaffinch	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
2 nd Class	Oak Tree, Holly Tree, Hedgehog, Holly Blue Butterfly, Jackdaw, Pied Wagtail	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
3 rd Class	Cleavers, Daisy, Sparrowhawk, Wren, Pine Marten, 7 spot Ladybird	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
4 th Class	Hawthorn Tree, Red Clover, Wood Pigeon, Barn Owl, Painted Ladybird, Wood Mouse	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
5 th Class	Elder Tree, Buttercup, Smooth Newt, Green Shield Bug, Swan, Magpie	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing
6 th Class	Wild Garlic, Ash Tree, Red Squirrel, Pill Bug, Sparrow, Black Headed Gull	Quiz and Worksheets	Science: Living things, plants and animals. Geography: Environmental Awareness and Care. Visual Arts: Drawing

The Great Plant Hunt Project Resources

- This project provides species cards and resources on a group of 6 Irish plant and animal species per year group.
- While the project is not officially running this year and has fewer supports you can still use the huge number of resources available.