

SECONDARY WATER SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Mungret Community College

Limerick

This school's Green-Schools Committee is a dynamic, student-led team of over 40 members, supported by 10 dedicated teacher mentors. With students choosing roles aligned to their interests and regular team-led updates, the structure fosters leadership, creativity and collaboration. Teachers from various subjects embed the theme across the curriculum and peer education is a core element: TY students design and deliver workshops to younger years, while First Years help run themed events like "Green Day."



Water conservation and awareness have been central to the committee's recent work. The school has integrated water-related activities into lessons across all year groups and regularly shares tips, facts and campaign updates through assemblies, displays and interactive booths. Initiatives have included "Bin It or Flush It" experiments, water surveys (including across 10 neighbouring schools) and digital learning hubs using Chromebooks. Students have created murals from waste, used handprints to pledge their support, and even crafted photo booth props from recyclables, reinforcing a message of sustainability through creativity.

Annual Action Days such as "Blue Day" have become standout events, combining fun with purpose through themed games, bake sales, face painting and awareness stations. Proceeds have gone to organisations like Self Help Africa. The school's efforts extend to the wider community: the Parents Association has hosted uniform and ski gear swap shops and a tip sheet for water-saving at home was shared with families. Guest speakers from groups like WorldWise Global Schools and Trocaire have deepened students' understanding of water issues globally. With a "Water Think-In" planned with local schools, this school continues to lead by example in whole-community sustainability education.