

SECONDARY WATER SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

St. Michael's Holy Faith Secondary School

Dublin

The Green-Schools Committee at St. Michael's Holy Faith in Dublin took a proactive approach to monitoring water, checking for leaks, tracking usage and surveying 1st Years on their attitudes to water. Older students analysed the survey results, created presentations and shared them with younger years to raise awareness. They also tested the school's water quality, including checks for lead.

The school has dedicated Green- Schools & Water noticeboards. Students and staff are also kept informed through the Green Schools Instagram page and announcements over the intercom as well as classroom visits by committee members. The committee also organised a Water Poster Competition to raise awareness about the water issues.

To involve the whole school, students took part in a Water Walk in Glendalough where students carried multiple liters of water over a number of kilometers to emphasize the importance of this precious resource. Students also took part in beach and river clean-ups and a bottle collection through the Re-turn scheme to fund a "Water Rave" celebration.

Updates were shared on Instagram and their enthusiasm was captured in an original song, "Water is Everywhere, Water is Life", which is on school's YouTube channel and shared with the wider school community.

