

PRIMARY WATER SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

St. Peter's National School

County Donegal

St. Peter's N.S, were incredibly active in their approach to raising awareness about water. They showed real ownership from the start, with students enthusiastically leading activities and supporting each other throughout. They installed water butts, hippo bags, conducted leak test, completed water awareness surveys and went on a Walk for Water.



They have an open-door policy to allow parents to become involved in school life. Parent volunteers and retired staff help in maintaining the school garden - which includes a new water butt, vegetable plots, flower boxes, fruit trees, native Irish trees, a wildflower meadow and woodland area with a wildlife pond. The school also set up a 'Water Wildlife' habitat in our school garden by digging a hole for a pond and letting it fill naturally with rainwater. They students visit the pond regularly to observe and record the seasonal changes in the wildlife habitat.

The dedication of the Green-Schools committee made the coordinator's job easier and turned the programme into a truly collaborative effort. Along the way, pupils developed essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, responsibility and creativity.

