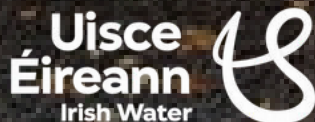




WATER AMBASSADORS IN ACTION

*Discover how students across Ireland are
leading the way in protecting our water*



Our Lady's College, Greenhills

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Why does this matter?

By tackling leaks, the team helped prevent unnecessary water wastage. Their beach clean-up reduced trash on the shore that could wash into the ocean and break down into harmful water pollution, while the clothing swap helped students discover the significant water demands of clothing production and contribute to water and energy conservation by giving clothes a new life. By combining these practical actions with creative engagement strategies, the team increased impact by involving and educating others.



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Cashel Community School

Their Approach

The Water Ambassador team at Cashel Community School focused on simple, everyday actions that can make a big difference. They combined awareness-raising, practical changes and community activities to help students save water and protect this valuable resource.

What They Did

- **Got the whole school involved:** Engaged the wider community through whole-school initiatives like a “Walk for Water” fundraiser for World Water Day and the 5' Shower Showdown, logging 909 5' showers, saving an estimated 45,450 litres of water.
- **Designed engaging campaigns:** Used interactive games and awareness posters to teach students to flush only the 3 P's – pee, poo and paper, helping reduce blockages and unnecessary water waste.
- **Harvested rainwater:** Installed a water butt to collect rainwater and reuse it in the school garden.

Why does this matter?

Everyday water use puts pressure on our water resources. Shortened showers reduce daily consumption of treated drinking water, and finding ways to reuse rainwater can help conserve supplies and reduce pressure on rivers and lakes. Proper toilet use prevents unwanted litter from flowing into our oceans and seas. By changing everyday habits and encouraging others to do the same through engaging whole-school initiatives, the team showed how schools can play a practical role in protecting water for the future.



Dunshaughlin Community College

Their Approach

The Water Ambassador team at Dunshaughlin Community College took a creative and collaborative approach to water stewardship, combining awareness-raising, sustainable choices and improvements to the school grounds. They looked at both how people use water and how the school can create spaces that support healthy water ecosystems and biodiversity.

What They Did

- **Made water learning fun:** Developed water-themed games to engage students and bring water topics to life and ran an engaging “Think Before You Flush” campaign to encourage responsible toilet use and reduce unnecessary water waste and pollution.
- **Incentivised peer participation:** Organised a school outing where participants could only attend by bringing reusable water bottles, helping reduce single-use plastic waste.
- **Improved the school grounds:** Planned enhancements to their school pond and courtyard and used harvested rainwater to help care for their mini forest, creating a welcoming space for students while making the area more suitable for wildlife such as frogs.

Why does this matter?

Protecting water means looking after both the water we use and the natural ecosystems that depend on it. Reducing waste from single-use bottles and preventing pollution through responsible toilet use helps keep water systems cleaner. Rainwater harvesting, ponds and planting provide habitats and help support biodiversity. By combining everyday actions with improvements to their school grounds, the team showed how schools can help protect water and create healthier environments for people and wildlife.



Ratoath College

Their Approach

The Water Ambassador team at Ratoath College brought fresh energy to water education at their school by creating resources tailored to their community and running a varied programme of engaging events that encouraged the wider school community to get involved.

What They Did

- **Highlighted water through film:** Created an original water awareness video recognising that many existing resources didn't reflect their school's specific context. The video highlighted the importance of water, explained water pollution, reviewed water consumption in their school, and offered practical suggestions for reducing waste and protecting this vital resource.
- **Organised a four-day Water Week:** Featured a documentary screening, a sustainable clothes swap event, a water-themed exhibition and a Walk for Water to raise awareness about global water access issues. Their work not only educated their peers but also fostered a sense of shared responsibility for water conservation within the school.

Why does this matter?

This team's work testified to the importance of communications in water education. By refreshing how water issues were communicated and creating opportunities for students to learn, participate and take action, the team made water conservation feel relevant to everyday school life. Their activities also demonstrated how water connects to wider issues such as consumption, pollution and global access, helping students understand that everyone has a role to play in protecting water.



Gaelcholáiste Reachrann

An Cur Chuige

Is sárghrúpa iad daltaí an Choiste Glas Gaelcholáiste Reachrainn. Is cosúil go raibh gach seachtain mar mheitheal acu chun gníomhachtaí caomhnú Uisce a chur ar bhun agus a spreagadh in a bpobal scoile.

Na Gníomhartha

- **Cuireadar Seachtain na Timpeallachta:** Cuireadar 3 Seachtain na Timpeallachta ar siúl don phobal scoile uilig le haoichainteoirí, gníomhachtaí móra scoil, comórtaisí ealaíne agus taispeantaisí eolais.
- **Seaseadar i bhfód an bleachtair:** Seaseadar i bhfód an bleachtair (detective) ag aimsiú na fadhbanna ba mhó a raibh sa scoil i dtaobh cur amú uisce agus na fadhbanna a bhí bainte le hiompar daoine i dtaobh cur amú. Bhí laghdú 637,938 litres idir mhéan usáid uisce na scoile ó 2023-2024 go 2024-2025.

An Tionchar

Léirigh an Coiste Glas an tionchar mór a bhíonn ag obair foirne agus ag rannpháirtíocht an phobail. Seachtain na Timpeallachta ealaín, foghlaim agus pobal le chéile chun gach duine a mhealladh agus a chur i mbun ruda.

