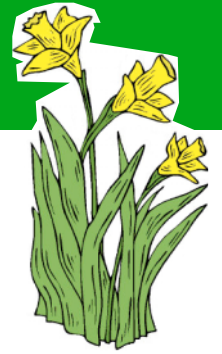


# Nature's Noticeboard!



## Spring 2015



**S**earch a square metre of the garden using a magnifying glass. You could be surprised at the small life that goes unnoticed every day. Things you might find: insects, eggs, bites out of leaves, spider webs ....



**P**lan a walking adventure this spring with your family. Perhaps a quiet country road, a local hill or a park. Pick a route that is suitable for everyone's walking ability. Remember to be prepared and be safe.



**R**ecord the insects that visit your garden over a week. Keep your records in a notebook and draw a sketch of each animal. Even better, can you take a photograph of any of them?



**I**dentify one tree that you pass everyday on your way to school. Find out its English, Irish and scientific name, whether it is deciduous or evergreen, what shaped leaves it has and if it produces nuts or seeds.



**N**ow that it is getting brighter, remember to turn off the lights around the house when they are not needed. This will help save on your home's energy bills.



**G**row sunflowers seeds from mid-April until the end of May and give some seeds to a friend to see who can grow the tallest! Check the variety before you begin as its needs to be a tall variety if you are going for a record!



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