

FENOR NS

FENOR, CO. WATERFORD

Fenor NS is a rural village school situated on the Dungarvan to Tramore Coastal Road in Co. Waterford. The school is a four teacher school, with a total of 100 pupils. In 1999 the school received their first Green Flag for their work on Waste and Litter and went on to renew their flag on the Energy and Water themes.

As part of the Green Flag programme, the school has a committee to run the programme. The committee is made up of 20 students from Senior Infants to Sixth Class, two teachers, a member of the Board of Management, a parent and a representative of the local Tidy Towns Committee. The elected committee is divided into smaller committees, each of which look after various areas, such as Litter Co-ordination, Composting, Indoor, Outdoor, Recycling etc.. They meet every Friday for 20-30 minutes to monitor and evaluate and to make the forthcoming week's work rosters, for example, in the case of litter wardens - cleaning of the hall and classrooms and school yard boundaries.

One of the actions from the school's action plan was to become a Coastal Care Group. They

have visited their local beach (Kilfarrassey) to carry out litter surveys, identifying types and amounts of litter present and clearing the beach of this litter.



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Students from Fenor NS, with their Principal, Mr. Tim O'Byrne, taking pride in their local environment.

They carried out a survey of people over a three-day period, which included joggers, walkers, horse riders, bathers, surfers, fishermen and boaters. The school promotes the beach through their school newsletter, beach clean-ups, fun activities on the beach such as sand sculpturing, seashell collection and bird watching. The school actively promotes the beach as a place that all the family can go to. Fenor NS put together a beach management plan to restore the aesthetic appearance of Kilfarrassey beach and to increase the amenity and economic value to the whole community and visitors. In addition, sixth class pupils organised a five-a-side soccer tournament during the summer months of 2005, which was a great success!

The school plays an

important role in the life of Fenor. The school hall is used for all parish meetings and is therefore the hub of life in the parish. They are very proud of their achievements and want to give back to their community through schemes such as:

- Cleaning the graveyard.
- Restoring the Church Bell Tower Area.
- Cleaning the local beaches.
- The Litter patrol (5th & 6th) in the village, April to August (seven days a week).
- Cake sales... in aid of new score board in GAA field.
- Regular weeding of roadside kerbs and bog walk areas.

- Clean the scenic area of Ballyscanlon.
- Helping to sand & paint seats.
- Planting shrubs on walls.
- Planting trees around different areas in the village.
- Recycling campaign to recycle paper, cardboard, plastic containers.
- School Project work - highlighting topics such as illegal dumping and recycling.

If you would like to contact Fenor NS, check out their website at <http://www.claneire.com/connected/default.asp?com=dfba&org=fns>



The aims of Fenor NS Green School Committee

Through the Green School Programme, which will be continuous, we as teachers hope to educate, to inform and to influence the children under our care to respect the environment by promoting responsible behaviour within our school and their own local environment and the wider community. By the end of sixth class we hope that each child should be an environmentally aware citizen able to take independent and critical initiatives regarding their own local environment.

We won't solve Waterford's waste problem by finding new places to dump rubbish or a magic machine to burn it. Instead of producing mountains of waste, we must Reduce, what we produce, Reuse whatever we can and Recycling everything we can.

Compiled by Fenor Green School Committee