





February 2014 Bulletin

Our <u>website</u> has some fantastic new free resources as well as information about new competitions, delivery partners and useful tips on applying for awards. We update the website on a regular basis so please visit it often to keep up-to-date with all the latest news.

News from our Principal Sponsor

Eco-Schools in proudly sponsored by SSE Airtricity; SSE Airtricity has just been unveiled as the new brand name for Airtricity. <u>Read more</u>.

In this bulletin:

- <u>Register now for the BIG Spring Clean a free Toolkit and Clean up Kit are available</u> and there is also a school competition:
- There is still time to join the World's biggest Birdwatch;
- <u>Fairview Primary School are the first primary school in Northern Ireland to have Zero</u> <u>Landfill;</u>
- <u>Take part in the Translink Travel Challenge launching on 10th February;</u>
- Recycle with Cash for Clobber and enter the Cash for Clobber Competition; and
- <u>Register for Operation Energy and receive fantastic free resources including around</u> 60 hours of lesson plans, interactive games and other activities.

Adopt a Spot

Is there an area in your community that could do with a clean up? Are you fed up of unsightly graffiti, litter and dog mess on your doorstep? With 96% of Northern Ireland's streets having been found to have litter, why not join forces with TIDY Northern Ireland and Adopt a Spot! The area you adopt can be anywhere you like, from your school grounds, local park or beach, even the street you live on can be adopted. If there is somewhere that you think could use a bit of TLC, why not adopt it!

With the help of TIDY Northern Ireland you will hold 4 clean ups a year at a time of your choosing. TIDY Northern Ireland will provide the successful groups with a fantastic adoption pack containing all the equipment you need, including litter pickers, a branded back pack, travel mugs and a hints and tips booklet on how to run a successful clean up.

If you are interested in instilling a pride of place in your school and furthering your excellent status as an Eco-School, please contact <u>Aisling.gribbin@tidynorthernireland.org</u> for an application pack.

If you have any queries on items in this bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact <u>Carmel</u> <u>Fyfe</u>, Eco-Schools Manager or <u>Joanna McDonnell</u>, Eco-Schools Admin Officer.

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