

Here is a selection of activities, events and awards that have been happening during the last few months.

### Green Flag Awards

Congratulations to the following schools that have achieved Green Flag status last year.

- Gosforth Park First School
- Hadrian School
- Knoplaw Primary School
- St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
- St John Vianney RC Primary School
- St Mark's RC Primary School
- Stocksfield Avenue Primary School
- Westfield School Junior House

Below: A special congratulations to Stocksfield Ave Primary for receiving their Green flag status for a second time presented by the Director of Neighbourhood Services.



Above: Milecastle School winning graffiti sign with a warden from the school's Junior Warden scheme.

### Graffiti

Enviro Schools have been running a pilot through some of the schools that target Years 4,5 and 6 on the subject of graffiti. We have also run a couple of competitions in the schools to produce enforcement signs that will be used across the city.

### School activities

We have also organised different activities through out the year from transport talks, to schools visiting our own different reclamation sites at Byker and at Walbottle, all with the help of local services for support.

Left: Walbottle Village Primary enjoying a graffiti demonstration.

Right: Children from St Bede's Primary School and Broadwood Primary School doing environmental activities in Denton Dene, with the help of internal and external partners.

### Enviro Schools garden

There have been a number of school's visiting our very own garden based down in Jesmond Dene. Whilst they were visiting they had talks from our recycling team, and external partners for sustainable travel and Little Wasters on sustainable lifestyles.

Below: Our Lady and St Ann's RC Primary School at Jesmond Dene Nursery being shown how to be sustainable at home with Little Wasters.



To date we have now signed up to the Enviro Schools programme:

Enviro Schools:	118
Litter Awards:	91
Gold Awards:	62
Eco Bronze:	41
Eco Silver:	32
Green Flag awards:	13



## Sustainable Schools Project

Enviro Schools are currently taking part in a pilot that is running in other various authorities across different regions.

### So what is it all about?

The Government would like every school to be a sustainable school by 2020.

The National Framework to achieve this is made up of three interlocking parts;

- A commitment to care
- An integrated approach
- The eight doorways

There is also an evaluation tool kit to see sustainable schools are, called the S3 tool kit.

### What are we doing?

Enviro Schools are currently taking part in a Government pilot project for the Government Office North East (GONE) with five other councils.

### We are working with ten city schools:

- Promoting the government's sustainable agenda.
- Developing a Sustainable Schools Strategy for Newcastle.
- Mapping, Enviro School programme, council and partner support to the "eight doorway" paths.
- Promoting the S3 tool kit.
- Promoting Healthy schools.
- Assessing the impact of Sustainable Schools.



We will have further news on our progress in the next newsletter.

GONE Project discussions between Stocksfield Avenue Primary, Kingston Park Primary, Gosforth Park First and a Newcastle University Ambassador.



## RIEP Project

As some of you may already know our very own Enviro Schools Officer, Ben Grant has now been seconded away to the REIP. So what does this stand for, well it's the Regional Improvement Efficiency Partnership and Ben is working on a project that will not only benefit the schools in Newcastle, but will also benefit the schools regionally.



Ben has been tasked to look at recycling and waste in schools and how this fits into the Sustainable Schools Framework. He is looking at attitudes towards waste and recycling from pupils, teachers and premises staff and has been conducting questionnaires and focus groups in some of your schools.

From this research he is going to develop a range of teaching materials around the Purchasing and Waste Doorway of Sustainable Schools which can initially be used in the region. Some of you have already offered help and support in this so thank you.

If you need any more information from Ben please contact him on 07554333679 or e-mail: [ben.grant@northeastcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:ben.grant@northeastcouncils.gov.uk)

Pupils from Broadwood Primary school filling out questionnaires.