



# Eco Schools of St. Bride's

By all members of the Eco Committee

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## Our Eco Work to Date



This term the Eco Committee has been working extremely hard to promote reducing our carbon footprint and the 3 Rs - **REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE**.

We would like to let you know that our school is almost waste free because we are **reusing** and **recycling** paper and card, **reducing** rubbish that goes into our bins by keeping our lunch boxes package free, **recycling** ink cartridges and batteries and **reusing** plastic containers and bags! We are also trying hard to find alternative ways to travel to school therefore **reducing** fuel emissions!

We are looking forward to achieving the *Green Flag Award* for our fabulous Eco-Friendly school and we would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation with all our initiatives to date.



## By Sarah Dempsey of P4 Rogers



As part of the Eco Committee we like to follow the 3Rs rule. If you do not know what they are already here you go...

### REDUCE    REUSE    RECYCLE

We must reduce the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill. Reducing the amount of waste pro-

duce is very important. Try to reuse things, i.e. reuse plastic bags for shopping or other things.

Some people put items such as plastic bottles, milk cartons and aluminium cans in the bin when we should really be recycling these. This is our third **R!**

Hopefully if we can all follow these rules we will live in a happy, healthy environment!



## Lunchboxes in P1 White

### Our Lunchboxes in P1 White!!!

Here are a few examples of our fabulous waste free lunchboxes in P1 White!!! Look how we are working towards a waste free classroom...

We tell our Mums and Dads at home to make sure we have little or no packaging in our boxes. We love to show Mrs White how Eco friendly we are each day by taking home any banana skins and wrapping so that our classroom bin is not full at the end of the day. We have improved so much!!

We do so much more in our classroom...

We recycle paper

We reuse paper at our writing table

We turn off the lights on nice bright days

We remind Mrs White to turn off the big screen when we are finished watching our programme or playing our game

We know lots about the 3Rs and even answered questions to show how much we know!!

Have a look at our lunchboxes...



## Recycling Ink Cartridges

Did you know that printer ink is more expensive than rocket fuel? Reusing ink cartridges will save a lot of resources. Only 20% of the energy used in a new cartridge is needed to recycle an old one. Recycled cartridges are sold at a lower cost than brand new. Cartridges that cannot be reused can be made into many other items needed in daily life such as soles for shoes.

In the past St Bride's recycled some cartridges by sending them by freepost to a company in England. This arrangement was made quite a long time ago but now we have more local recycling facilities and a hardworking and committed Eco Committee at St Bride's, we thought it was a good time to investigate how we could do more.

We found a recycling company called Empty Cartridge Recycling which has a facility in Northern Ireland near Newry. After discussing a few practical issues we wrote to Mrs Quinn asking for her permission and we were really pleased when she gave us the **GREEN** light for the project. We are now registered and up and running with collection boxes in the Derryvolgie and Ashleigh foyers. The money raised will be split between Eco Committee projects and charity donations. Please support us by sending in all your used ink cartridges. The company has told us that the smaller ink cartridges are usually the most valuable!! Many thanks and hope you can donate.

We would like to thank Christina Holland for all her hard work and support with this initiative. It has been a success!!!



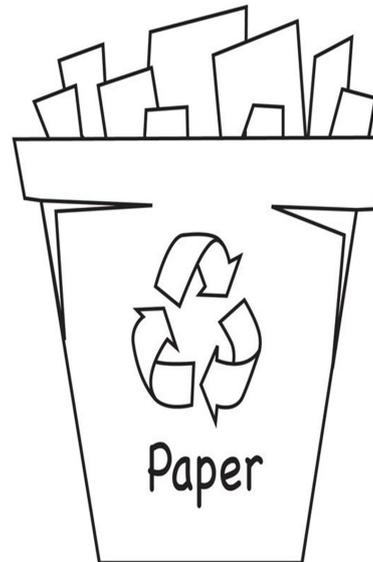
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SOME REMINDERS THAT YOU MAY SEE AROUND THE SCHOOL

**RECYCLE  
YOUR  
PAPER!!!**



**Recycle Paper!**



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