

St Colman's Primary and All Saints' Nursery in Annacloy has been awarded a prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag by the environmental charity Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

The Eco-Schools Programme is the world's largest Environmental Education programme and aims to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of a school. Its participatory approach and combination of learning and action makes it an ideal way for schools to begin improving the environments of schools and their local communities.

Eco-Schools work through a simple seven-step process resulting in the programme becoming central to the school's ethos. Schools can choose from ten eco-topics ranging from litter and waste to energy, biodiversity and transport to name a few. Eco-Schools work towards achieving awards - bronze, silver and the prestigious Green Flag.

The internationally recognised Green Flag is this highest award given to Eco-Schools and symbolises excellence in the field of environmental activity.

The "Green" theme has become an integral part of our school life and is driven by the Eco Council which comprises pupils, staff and parents. Children are actively encouraged to promote Eco ideas and action plans to benefit not only the school but also the wider community. The topics which the school covered this year were Waste, Litter and Energy. The pupils and staff have been working hard over this past number of years to make our school more Eco-Friendly.

