

APS ECO-SCHOOLS ACTION PLAN 2021-2022



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| Outdoor Learning (Major Topic) | 1) Create a new outdoor learning environment within a pollinator friendly school garden. | New outdoor learning area created by Nov 2021. | By Nov 2021 | Eco-Committee/Miss Ross & Mr McAuley | 12 th Oct 2021 |
| | 2) To increase outdoor learning opportunities and promote positive attitudes towards outdoor learning for all classes at A.P.S. | Survey children on their attitudes to outdoor learning before the creation of the new garden and again after they've had opportunity to make use of it. | By Jan 2022 | Outdoor Learning Committee & Class Teachers | |
| | 3) To teach children how to grow, harvest and prepare produce in our school gardens. | Every class to include outdoor learning opportunities in Maths & Literacy planning. Children take part in a picking and producing workshop with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful. | By June 2022 | | |
| | | | Oct & Nov 2021 | Eco-Committee/Miss Ross | 12 th Oct & 12 th Nov 2021 |

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| Biodiversity (Minor Topic) | 1) To increase habitats and food sources for wildlife and mini-beasts within school grounds. | To create a new pollinator friendly orchard. To grow nectar rich flowers and caterpillar food plants. | By Oct 2021 By May 2022 | Every class & teacher Eco-Committee/Miss Ross Mr McAuley | |
| | 2) To improve knowledge of the biodiversity within school grounds. | To repair/make bird feeders and bug hotels. To audit biodiversity within the school grounds, before and after planting the new garden area. | | | |
| | 3) To increase knowledge of ways we can support biodiversity in school and in our own gardens. | To have children share ideas of how they support wildlife in school and at home. | | | |

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| <p>Litter (Minor Topic)</p> | <p>1) To register our school grounds with “Adopt A Spot.”</p> <p>2) To reduce the amount of litter around school and the surrounding area.</p> <p>3) To ensure all pupils are aware of the consequences of litter for our environment.</p> | <p>To collect and survey litter on at least 4 occasions during the year.</p> <p>To have the Eco-committee regularly inspect the school grounds.</p> <p>To have pupils participate in a school Assembly and class lessons as part of our campaign against litter.</p> <p>To hold an anti-litter poster competition.</p> | <p>By June 2022</p> | <p>Every class & teacher</p> <p>Eco-Committee/Miss Ross</p> <p>Mr McAuley</p> | |