

TOP TIPS AND HINTS FOR RECYCLING SUCCESS

Did you know?

- It takes 24 trees to make one tonne of paper
- Recycling 1 aluminium drinks can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours
- Ireland throws away millions of Euro worth of food every year
- Plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose
- If all cans in Ireland were recycled, we would need 14 million less waste bins

Top 10 hints and tips for recycling success

- 1 Use recycled materials in art, texture and science classes to encourage creativity.
- 2 Explore recycling processes in science classes to build environmental awareness.
- 3 Remind students during assemblies or briefings of what can and cannot be included in the recycle bins.
- 4 Introduce a rota for students to check recycling bins are being used properly.
- 5 Form an Eco-Team to organise special recycling events and themed projects to create exhibitions and displays for open days, presentations or community projects.
- 6 Introduce the collection of other waste like batteries, mobile phones or ink cartridges to raise funds for charity.
- 7 Use 'Did You Know?' posters with recycling facts and figures and place in key areas. These can be specific to your school or general.
- 8 Measure the improvements in recycling rates and report these in a newsletter.
- 9 Set recycling targets to incentivise students to do more.
- 10 Use the money saved on landfill costs to fund new recycling bins or to set up environmental awareness field trips.