**Green Schools Meeting**

**21/12/2011**

A meeting of the St. Colman's B.N.S. Green Schools Committee was held in the 5th and 6th classroom on 21/12/2011. All members were in attendance along with Jacqueline Bowen and Mrs. Boyce who chaired the meeting. The following was discussed and agreed:

First the minutes were read out. Then the members went through all the achievements of the committee so far. The achievements that were discussed were, the paper pile that was to be in each classroom it was agreed that this needed to be worked on, gloves were purchased, a clean up day which cost €45 was held which was a success and it was then agreed that a rota needed to be done out for Litter patrol and that Bin Inspectors should be appointed for all classes. Then the committee discussed fund raising, it was said that €409 had been raised from the Christmas raffle. The committee discussed the possibility of holding a clothes and mobile phone collection. Members on the committee had looked into the idea and decided that the best company was Lenrec. They would pay the school €5 for every full plastic bag of clothing -95% of which would be recycled and 5% of which would be sent to Africa. For every mobile phone collected the school would be paid €3.50. The committee also discussed the possibility of a cake sale for St. Patricks day or Valentines Day. The committee then discussed what to spend the money fund raised on. The ideas were to tidy up the soccer net which was approved by the committee, to paint a mural for which a grant had been applied for and to put some money into funding the school tours.

The committee then discussed a poster competition that was possibly to be held in February. The committee members reported that Tommy Mullane of the Kanturk Tidy Towns committee had been interviewed and the local litter warden had been rang. The committee approved the idea to purchase new soccer netting. The 7 steps were then discussed. It was suggested that a monthly report on the work of the committee be done. The school was complimented by the committee for doing more recycling. First class were also commended for planting bulbs. The notice boards in the hall were also commended for environmental friendliness. For every one notice board bought another one was created from the packaging. The possibility of recycling of Christmas cards was also discussed. It was noted that the price of waste had actually gone up, but that the school was producing significantly less waste down from 232kg to 52kg. The step of Curriculum Work was discussed and it was suggested that the pupils be educated more about where they should put their waste when they go home. A possible visit of the committee to the recycling centre was also discussed. And the committee members agreed that the school was much greener than in September. The meeting was then closed. The committee will meet again in January after the Christmas break.