

29 June 2017

Hamiltonsbawn Primary School

Dear Derek Hutchinson

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Green Flag Award

I am delighted to confirm that you have been successful in renewing your Eco-Schools Green Flag on 21/06/2017. John-Paul Patton was very impressed with your school's work.

Congratulations to all concerned - staff and pupils alike, and not forgetting the caretaker and many parents who helped your school achieve its environmental targets. You will hold the flag for two years, and then you are asked to apply again, addressing a different topic or looking at ways of making sound financial savings.

Applications can now be made online through your School Zone, which we would recommend you use when it comes time to renew your award, and you will have to use the online Data Zone for your chosen topics.

The assessor made the following comments about the **strengths** of your school evident in the assessment visit:

"Students are clearly engaged and knowledgeable. Clear progress made on Action Plan topics. Good development of School Grounds via wildflowers, bug hotel, hot-house (made from old plastic bottles) and excellent food production work via raised beds. Great Biodiversity wild area within school grounds. Clear success with Sustrans programme. Innovative use of old tyres as plant pots via creative competition design work involving parents."

The assessor made the following **suggestions** which may enhance your Eco-Schools programme going forward:

"Might be an idea to make Eco-Code into a song or poem that children can recite. A bird bath or wildlife pond might make a nice feature in biodiversity area."

If you would like to submit any of your environmental achievements for our Eco-Schools website www.eco-schoolsni.org please forward or email it to me at the below address.

Once again, many congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely

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