



Election Issue: Back in 2009 the Commission on School Accommodation recommended that a technical assessment be conducted in Loreto College with a view to its extension and refurbishment. Progress has been very slow in the interim period with an announcement in November 2015 that Loreto College is now on the new list for development for 2019/2020 (See. Dept. of Ed. Website). As you are aware the school has continued to be oversubscribed during 2010 to 2018 and as a consequence has been unable to accommodate many local applicants. The disappointment of parents is keenly felt and the problem is growing year on year. We ask you to exert pressure on your election candidates to prioritise education in the Swords area and in particular in the development of Loreto College, Swords. Thank you for all your support Mr Macnamara

Healthy Eating: In light of recent media emphasis on obesity and lifestyle trends in Loreto College, we felt it was important to carry out some research on the eating habits of our students, to find out if parents are aware of their daughter's eating habits while at school, and to question staff on the need for a Healthy Eating Policy. This research is ongoing and is being conducted through a survey of students, parents and staff. A huge thank you to all those who have completed the survey. [The parent survey can be accessed through the school website by clicking on the link provided.](#) The overall aim is to improve eating habits in our school which will make a positive contribution to the health and well being of the whole school community. Ms



Wellread National Award

Our school this year has registered for The 'Wellread National Award', which is a national initiative. It aims to heighten awareness of the importance of creating a culture of reading in our school community for our students as part of their personal and academic development.

The 'Wellread National Award' is an initiative that seeks to involve students learning including students, teachers, ancillary staff, parents, board of management and wider community in a range of reading and associated activities.

It is envisaged that a national award will explicitly foster and nurture a reading culture in our school and will bring about an overall improvement in students literacy skills in a fun and engaging way.

It has already created a wonderful buzz of excitement among the girls as many different activities and initiatives have already taken place. Amongst many initiative we launched a reading week which featured many different and fun reading activities. A big thank you to parents and students who donated books for our upcoming mini mobile library and to the parents who volunteer their time to help run the library at lunch times. Ms Sarah Byrne





Powering Ahead For Our Second Green Flag by Mary Gorman. *Action Day—Monday 29/Feb/2016*

Green-Schools, known internationally as Eco-Schools, is an international environmental education program, environmental management system and award scheme that promotes and acknowledges long-term, whole school action for the environment.

One of the key success factors of the Green-Schools programme is that it is a themed programme. That is, schools undertaking the programme work through the seven steps one theme at a time. The themes in sequence are:

1. Litter & Waste
2. Energy
3. Water
4. Travel
5. Biodiversity
6. Global Citizenship - Litter & Waste
7. Global Citizenship - Energy

Here at Loreto College Swords we are very proud of our first Green Flag on Waste and Recycling, which you will see billowing just inside our front gates. We recently delivered a refresher presentation to all 630 students on recycling, reducing and reusing.

The Green Team have been working very hard over the last few months to submit our application for our second Green Flag for Energy.

Over the last 16 months we've been raising awareness among students and teachers alike regarding energy management and conservation.

Targets We set a target of reducing our energy consumption by 8- 10 % through no cost / low cost measures. Within in our target areas we also focused on opportunities that were based on;

Changing people attitudes towards heat and energy

Technical improvements to our electrical systems and appliances as well as application and approval for the replacement of our single glazed glass roof to a double glazed one and the covering of our open air atriums.

Managerial involvement and policy making regarding review of our insulation, boilers, electrical systems, budgets and A rated appliance policy.

Successes *Prior to implementing our action plan we were using on average 504 units of electricity a day. Already this has been reduced and we have saved €240 per month. Such savings can now be used for other school resources.*

Please see our Action Plan/Our Targets/Our Successes and our Ongoing Plan by

Accessing our school webpage www.loretoswords.ie—Also tips for you to save on energy costs in your home have been included.

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