

## TOP TIPS AND HINTS FOR RECYCLING SUCCESS

### Did you know?

- It takes 24 trees to make one tonne of paper
- Recycling 1 aluminum drinks can save 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 organize 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 incentivize 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.