

Climate Action Week

Woodbrook College, Bray

By Aoife Mohan

Climate Action Week is a time when people can focus on tackling climate change and the inequalities that come with it, it is about making a special effort in school to raise awareness of climate change and global warming. In Woodbrook College, Bray it is run by the Green School Committee and Ms. Doyle. This year it took place from October 12th to October 18th



In order to raise awareness, students circulated top tips on sustainable travel through display boards and the school app. Top tips included sharing information such as walking to school instead of driving in a private car, using a refillable water bottle rather than using disposable plastics when travelling and going on a staycation rather than travelling abroad to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment.

We also invited ECI energy to our school to complete a lighting retrofit assessment and survey; members of the Green School Committee will present these findings to Mr Hurley to try to convince him to switch our school lights to LED to lower our carbon footprint.

Thirdly, all students completed a travel survey, the Green School Committee will then sort the data and create graphs based on their findings. We asked students how they travelled to school (private car, cycle, bus, train, carpool etc) and how long it took them to travel to school. These findings will hopefully allow us to come up with a travel plan for our school to lower our carbon footprint.

Finally, we watched a free screening of '2040' made available by An Taisce (see film review below for more information).

When asked about Climate Action Week and her involvement in it, Ms. Doyle said *"Climate Action Week is promoted and encouraged by An Taisce. An Taisce also run Green Schools and because I am involved in Green Schools in Woodbrook College, I was naturally drawn to running this climate action week for all the students in Woodbrook College. I think it was very successful this year, students from different year groups got involved in the different activities and really enjoyed themselves. It got the students thinking about their future and what changes we need to make today to protect their future"*