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Antrim's Ballycraig Primary School wins £500 for their Appetite for Action

Ballycraig Primary School in Antrim has won a £500 Northern Ireland regional award for the second year in a row for their green grub as part of UK charity Global Action Plan's { [HYPERLINK "http://schools.appetiteforaction.org.uk/index.php"](http://schools.appetiteforaction.org.uk/index.php) } The school, based in Antrim, went above and beyond in their Greener Growing challenge, which encourages pupils to grow their own food and helps them understand where their food comes from.

As part of their Greener Grub Challenge, Ballycraig Primary School

- Wrote a letter to parents outlining the results of their lunchbox survey asking for their help to reduce packaging and to encourage more healthy snacks.
- Organised a 'Green Gym' fun morning for teachers, parents and grandparents to help prepare the veggie beds for planting, pruning, planting new trees and held a recycling competition.
- Arranged for a visit from NEELB education board's dietitian to speak to the pupils about healthy eating and healthier lunch box options.
- Two pupils wrote to Antrim Borough Council asking for a brown bin food collection so the school can divert all of its food waste from landfill.
- At the school fair the pupils set up a plant stall to sell their green goodies to members of the community and raised over £150.00.

Ballycraig Primary teacher Jocelyn Brown says of the school's award:

"We were so encouraged, as a school community, in winning last year's and this year's regional award. This year we decided to take a look inside the children's lunch boxes and look at sourcing more local ingredients and raise awareness of how packaging impacts our carbon footprint."

Global Action Plan CEO Trewin Restorick commented:

"Ballycraigy Primary School are showing how much of a difference school children can make to the environment, even using as simple a tool as their lunchboxes. Their determination to reduce their environmental impact is a great inspiration to everyone in the community."

Notes to Editors

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About Global Action Plan

Global Action Plan is the UK's leading environmental behaviour change organisation and, since 1993, has helped schools, communities and businesses reduce their carbon footprint to positively impact on the environment and climate change. Global Action Plan consistently achieves significant environmental and financial savings in the UK by empowering people to take action on energy, waste, water and transport. Global Action Plan is the only charity in the UK to be supported by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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About Appetite for Action

Appetite for Action is an online teaching resource for primary schools in the UK and Ireland that helps schools tackle food waste, sustainability and climate change. Developed with teachers, the website offers schools access to free resources, from lesson plans and fact sheets to activity ideas and films. The programme helps pupils reduce the amount of food they throw away, grow their own fruit and vegetables, and understand where their food comes from.

Photos: The Ballycraigy Primary School Crazy Carrots Gardening Action Team



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