

## School Waste Audit

A whole-school waste audit was carried out on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The purposes of the audit were to:

- 1) Determine how much waste we as a school produce on an average school day (in kg).
- 2) Identify the kinds of materials that are going into our bins.

All classroom bins were collected from classes in the afternoon. This included a small paper bin from every room and a small teacher bin which is used to throw away other non-recyclable classroom waste. The collective weight of the contents of these bins is listed in the table below.

### **Classroom bins**

| <b>Material</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Important information</b>                     |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Coloured paper  | 2.3kg         |  |
| White paper     | 1.3kg         |  |
| Food            | 300g          | Some compostable items put in with general waste |
| Plastic         | 300g          |  |
| Other waste     | 2kg           |  |

**Positive:** The paper bins are being used correctly with only paper waste inside

**Negative:** Some recyclable and compostable materials are being put in with general waste in classroom teacher bins

### **Staffroom bins (recycling bin and general waste bin)**

| <b>Bin type</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Important information</b>                                 |
|-------------------|---------------|--|
| Recycling bin     | 200g          |  |
| General waste bin | 1.3kg         | *600g worth of material in this bin could have been recycled |

\*Compost bin in the staffroom was not included in the audit

**Positive:** All compostable items were put in the correct bin

**Negative:** 600g worth of recyclable items were put in the general waste bin