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Dear Parent,

I am delighted to inform you that our application for the renewal of our Green Flag Award has been successful. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to students, staff and parents on all the hard work to achieve this award. The Green Flag for **Global Citizenship Food and Biodiversity** was presented to St. Clare's by An Taisce on Tuesday 23rd May at 10:30 at a ceremony in The Helix, DCU.

St. Clare's has been involved in the Green Schools programme since 1998. For the last quarter of a century, St. Clare's has been nurturing students, to become cognisant and mindful of their impact on the environment and to understand that we are all stewards of this precious earth, our common home.

Over the past 25 years, staff and students have worked tirelessly to promote sustainability and environmental awareness with great interest and enthusiasm. The initiatives introduced have been sustained over the years in relation to energy and water conservation, litter and waste reduction, biodiversity, transportation and global citizenship. In 2010, St. Clare's was awarded two Green Flags, one for Green Schools project and the other for Green Home project.

St. Clare's was pioneering in many areas, such as banning the use of plastic bags in 2000, as an anti-litter measure, well in advance of the plastic bag levy introduced in 2002 by the government. Furthermore, in 2009, the school introduced the initiative of students wearing high visibility jackets to ensure that students are visible when travelling. As a result of this initiative, every year since 2010, the Road Safety Authority of Ireland distribute high visibility vests each September to every child starting school in Ireland. **It started in St. Clare's!**

As we celebrate this important milestone of our involvement in the Green Schools, let us take inspiration from the past 25 years, looking forward with hope and determination, endeavouring to empower our young people with the knowledge, skills and values they need to protect the earth.

Yours sincerely,

**Maria Spring Principal**