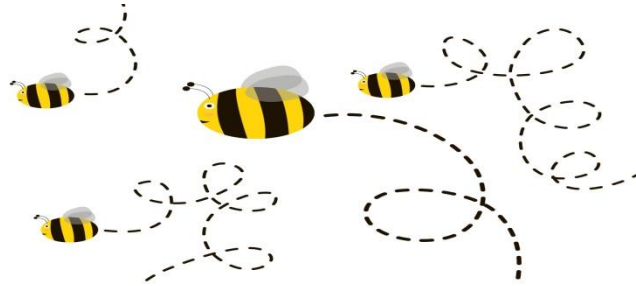


Hollywood Tidy Towns

visit to

Scoil Chaoimhín Naofa

Hollywood Tidy Town committee members, Maria Cullen and Martina Traynor visited our school on Wednesday 6th February 2019.



They told us about their plans to further develop the wildflower meadow. They are going to plant some apple trees and hopefully place a bee hive in the meadow.



Bees are essential because they are very important pollinators of plants. They help pollinate both crops and native plants, making them of huge economic and ecological importance to Ireland. Ireland has only ONE native honeybee species. Most of the other 81 bee species in Ireland are solitary.



3 bee species have become extinct in Ireland within the last 80 years.

6 species are critically endangered.

7 species are endangered.

16 species are vulnerable.

13 species are near threatened.

Bees are declining because **we are making them homeless** by using most of the landscape for farming, forestry and housing. We are not leaving enough natural habitats for them.

The Hollywood Tidy Town Committee is helping to save bees.

Maria also spoke about spring flowers that can be seen around Hollywood. The flowers chosen by Hollywood Tidy Towns all encourage bees and butterflies. She also showed us butterfly identification cards which are now on display in the school.



Last year we obtained our Green Flag: Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. Maria reminded us about our responsibilities to REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE. A lot of households do not recycle properly. Scoil Chaoimhín Naofa Green School Committee would remind everyone to **wash** items before recycling. If you are unsure about what can be recycled a great reference website is:

Ireland's guide to waste
mywaste

<https://www.mywaste.ie/>