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BELFAST PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 20TH PERMANENT GREEN FLAG

Eco-Schools in Northern Ireland, run by TIDY Northern Ireland, has awarded the province's 20th Permanent Green Flag to Cairnshill Primary School.

The prestigious Green Flag is awarded to schools who meet the top level criteria for each of the seven elements of the Eco-Schools process, and after years of effort and hard work, Cairnshill Primary has been rewarded with permanent flag status. The Belfast school was praised by Eco-Schools assessors for effectively managing their local environment. "Cairnshill is a well established Eco-School," said the assessors. "Their success is due to excellent continual monitoring and improvement of activities and resources in the school, as well as inclusion of all staff and children."

The school was also congratulated by TIDY Northern Ireland's Joan Peden. "Cairnshill Primary School is a wonderful example of what a school can achieve," she said. "They have involved the whole school and wider community in their Eco-Schools activities and sustainable development is explored through curriculum work in many year groups. The Permanent Green Flag is a superb achievement and everyone involved with the school should be very proud!"

Eco-Schools is an international programme promoting environmental awareness in schools. It involves the whole school – pupils, teachers, non-teaching staff and governors – as well as members of the local community, parents, the local council, the media and local businesses.

The Permanent Green Flag is given to schools who are actively involved in continuously improving their environmental performance.

For more information and to register your school with Eco-Schools, visit www.eco-schools.org.uk

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