

Tidy Schools judging results

Dear schools, overleaf you will find a table showing the breakdown of results from the Tidy Schools competition and below the average scores by heading. I hope they provide you with some guidance as to your own school results. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

Average scores by heading

Absence of litter 10	Neatness/ appearance of green/ paved areas 5/ 5	Additional Plantings 10	Absence of graffiti 10	Initiatives to support wildlife 10	Absence of litter 10	Education & awareness raising programs 10	Newsletter website 10	Community 10	Student 10	Total/ 100
9.47	8.23	6.87	9.97	6.97	9.40	7.20	3.93	5.97	6.53	74.53

Notes:

As you can see from the average scores above most schools performed fairly poorly in the **newsletter / website category**. You might remember we introduced the **'Initiatives to support wildlife'** category a few years ago year to help the judges differentiate between so many great schools. The same applies to the website/newsletter category, as we wish to encourage schools to inform their communities of all the great work they are doing and to gain some recognition for the awards you have received.

Very few schools have any acknowledgment of their Green Schools status on their website. Several have links to their own Green School section from their homepage although many of these are several years out of date.

Your Green Schools status is worth shouting about, along with your efforts to enhance your school through growing vegetable, creating habitats to support wildlife and your involvement in community clean-ups.

