

BioBeo Buzz

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Welcome! Fáilte! Witamy! Welkom! Bienvenue!

Welcome to BioBeo Buzz! 🌱 Exciting updates, activities, and eco-tips await from our EU-funded BioBeo project! We're spreading sustainability and Bioeconomy awareness across Europe, starting with schools and communities. Curious about the Bioeconomy? Stick around for fun facts and discoveries every month!



BioBeo Festival!

Where Education Meets Bioeconomy

What an amazing time at the BioBeo Festival on March 15th at Odisee University in Brussels! It was a bustling event with workshops, talks, music, comedy, animations, and awards celebrating the BioBeo project's progress. Students explored Bioeconomy themes while enjoying booths, teaching materials, and innovative products. The performances were fantastic, ensuring there was something for everyone! Thanks to all who joined us. The BioBeo Festival was Europe's inaugural festival promoting circular fashion. BioBeo awarded crochet artwork to the most stylish circular fashion choices on the day. Say no to fast fashion!

Overheard at the festival...

"Het BioBeo festival vonden alle scholieren keijng!"

"Het BioBeo Festival was één groot succes!"

"Travelling to the festival by sail and rail is a great way to cut down on carbon emissions. It's lots of fun as well!"



Jokes from the festival

- What do bees use to style their hair?
Answer: "Honeycombs!"
- What happens when a tree falls into mud?
Answer: "It leafs an impression"



A "Blended Intensive Programme" (BIP)

A 'BIP' I hear you say? What on earth is a BIP? Well, it quite literally 'blends' students and staff from three universities (partner universities involved in BioBeo!) together to 'intensively' learn about sustainability and Bioeconomy for a whole 8 days. This is in partnership with ERASMUS+. Student teachers from Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, Odisee University and Maynooth University, from primary to secondary level came together in Maynooth on the 1st of March 2024 to complete this blended intensive programme! They'll now be able to teach children about a Bioeconomy and continue to learn alongside the children, all about sustainability, Bioeconomy and how to be kinder to the planet

Overheard at the BIP...

"De BioBeo BIP was heel leerzaam en afwisselend"

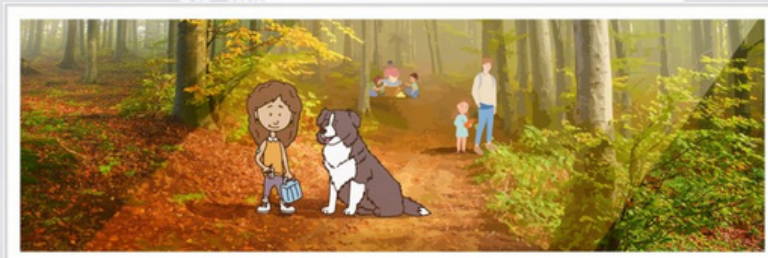
"De BioBeo BIP was bangelijk leerrijk!"

"Wow, bhí an seisiún sin ar fheabhas!"

BIODIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

Every month we will be spotlighting some nature activities in which you can get involved. Did you know that people with a strong connection to nature are more likely to take action to improve our environment so lets build that connection?

This issue we is taking a look at the amazing work done on the 5 themes of the the BioBeo project by 5 schools around Ireland. Check out the details and some amazing pictures on the next page to get inspired!



Welcome to the Island of Bioeconomy with the BioBeo Schools

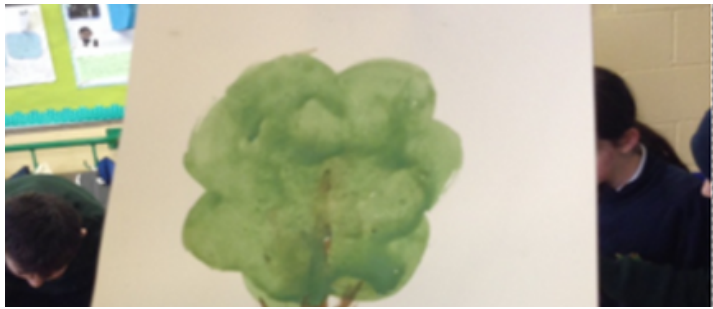
Five primary schools in Ireland completed the BioBeo Education Programme in March 2024. By participating in the BioBeo Education Programme the children and their teachers have learnt all about the Bioeconomy. They thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor classes, engaging in a variety of enjoyable activities that allowed them to explore nature while delving into the 5 themes of the BioBeo Project. We hope you like the photographs showing participants exploring the Bioeconomy concept below. The programme finished with the children sharing their BioBeo learning journeys with the European Commission and the festival goes at the BioBeo Festival in Brussels on March 15th, 2024. BioBeo Abú!

Theme 1- Interconnectedness



Children created story stones with natural 'rock crayons' reflecting their enjoyment of the 'Interconnectedness game' where they explored how all living things co-exist in an interconnected web of life.

Theme 3- Forestry



The children created their own paintbrushes using Scots Pine tree branches and made their own paint from natural, often edible ingredients. They then painted beautiful artistic responses to their Bioeconomy learning.

Theme 5- Food Loop



The students were delighted to plant 'food for the bees and for you and me' as they sang the BioBeo song during the 'Food Loop' activities session.

Theme 2- Outdoor Learning



The children explored an ancient oak tree on a tour of a precious and pristine, temperate, Atlantic rainforest.

Theme 4- Life Below Water



The children really enjoyed designing and constructing their very own school wildlife pond. We'll keep a close eye on insect life, amphibians and the interconnected species will make their homes there for life below water. Watch this space!



*That's all for now from
the BioBeo Buzz! See you
soon with more
sustainability and
Bioeconomy news!
Slán go fóill ...*