

Energy Saving Week schools' challenge

Be the change, save energy!

Energy Saving Week takes place in Northern Ireland from Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November 2024. Energy Saving Trust, supported by the Housing Executive and Power NI, in addition to other partners, will be promoting energy savings and carbon reduction during the weeklong campaign, which has been running successfully for 24 years. To coincide with our campaign and support the theme of the week we are inviting school pupils to take part in a school's challenge – in partnership with School's Energy Awareness Programme (Housing Executive).

The schools' challenge

Over the course of any week from Monday 18 November to Friday 10 January (Monday to Friday) we are asking schools to count how many energy-saving daily tasks their pupils have completed at home.

You can share this attached [challenge sheet for parents/guardians/carers](#) via email or use your school's online learning platform for completion.

Our aim is to encourage all primary children and years 8 and 9 to take part in the challenge and **be the change and save energy at home**. We ask that each class counts how many pupils have been able to complete each task on the challenge sheet during the week i.e. how many pupils completed the 'unplug the electrical items' task, how many pupils completed the 'turn the tap off' task, etc, (not the number of occupants living at home). Here is a [worksheet for teachers](#) to help collate the class results.

Power NI has kindly sponsored a prize of £1000, to be spent on a sustainability project or initiative to benefit your school. This will be awarded to the school saving the highest amount of carbon dioxide (pro rata according to the size of the school's headcount). In addition, five refurbished touchscreen DELL laptops (256GB) will be awarded to the next five schools that demonstrate the highest energy savings. Each winning school will receive one laptop. This prize is sponsored by the Schools' Energy Awareness Programme, Housing Executive.

Please refer to the attached terms and conditions for prize selection criteria. [Energy Saving Week 2024 - Energy Saving Trust](#).

To enter your school, complete your **school totals** in this [results form](#) and submit it to eswni@est.org.uk by **Friday 17 January 2025**. This is the only document that needs to be sent.

Energy Saving Trust will issue all schools that take part in challenge a certificate stating how much carbon dioxide your pupils managed to save throughout your chosen Energy Saving Week. We will also award the top prize (£1,000) to the winning school. Energy Saving Week is a great way to get pupils thinking about saving energy in the home and we hope you support our campaign.

We are also using social media to promote Energy Saving Week, so we hope your school will get involved! Your school could post on X the total savings at the end of the week or include a photo of pupils participating in the tasks.

It would also be amazing if you would like to post videos of pupils undertaking some of the challenges and leading by example! Please tag us. We'll be standing by to add a comment to show our appreciation of your support. Use #EnergySavingWeek24 in your social posts. Our X handle is @EnergySvgTrust, and you can include @PowerNI and @nihecommunity, and here is our [Facebook page](#).

If you need any further information or want to speak to us about this campaign or the schools' challenge, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your entries and hearing all about your school's Energy Saving Week!