

# Our School Garden 2003-2019.



Mrs O'Donovan got the ball rolling with the gardening way back in 2003 and we have been at it since

The boys and girls got out the shovels, spades trowels etc. and started to work at the end of March.

The lads can be seen here putting their back into it.



Here is a happy gang of gardeners. They are planting beetroot, onions, scallions, lettuce and beetroot. Now they have put it up to the rest of us to get on with it!!



We are still gardening in Ballinspittle school



and 2019 was a very busy year.

Every child in the school grew summer flowers in a little milk carton flower pot. Some went home to be grown in the children's gardens and lots were used in the garden and flower pots and front bed.

The classes also grew lettuce, snowball turnips, carrots and potatoes, tomatoes. The Senior Infants grew two variety of tomatoes. The girls had a hanging basket variety and the boys Cherry tomatoes. The children took home their plants at Easter and had great success growing them on as you can see from Paddy's plant below.



WE also grew loads of sunflowers from seed harvested from last years flowers and they brightened up the school all summer long into the autumn. We have again brought the seed heads in for drying out to use again next



Spring



The bees loved the lavender and were still there in large numbers when we came back in September.

Finally harvesting your crop is always fun and here are some very happy boys and girls gathering tomatoes and apples.

