

EDENINFAGH NS, GLENTIES RECEIVE THE COUNTIES FIRST ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

John O'Donnell, National Co-ordinator of the Active School Flag initiative congratulated Edeninfagh N.S. on its promotion and provision of Physical Education, physical activity and sport in the school. He paid tribute to the tremendous work being done to exhibit the key messages of the P.E. Curriculum and the emphasis the school placed on the inclusion of all its pupils. He acknowledged the professional contribution of the Principal, Mr. Oliver McGinley and the class teachers as the driving force for P.E. activity in the school. In participating in the Active School Flag process, Mr. O'Donnell stated that the school had generated the support and involvement of the wider school community during the course of the Active School Week. He proceeded to acknowledge the creativity, initiative and commitment of the whole school community to the promotion of a physically educated school population.

In encouraging more schools to engage in the Active School Flag process, Mr. O'Donnell explained that the Active School Flag is a non competitive initiative which highlights the importance of P.E., physical activity and sport in schools and communities in which they are based and is based on sound school development planning principles. The initiative aims to empower schools at both primary and post primary levels to commit to a process of internal self evaluation as part of a whole school process aimed at improving provision of physical activity in their school.

Edeninfagh N.S. will retain its Active School Flag status for a period of three years when it is hoped the school will engage in the process once again.

The Board of Management would like to pay tribute to all who have contributed in the last number of years in assisting the school in achieving the Active School Flag.

A huge thank you to Donegal Sports Partnership and in particular Therese Lavery – Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, Clement Gallagher – Cairde Rince Céilí na hEireann, Paddy Hegarty - GAA, Adam Keyes – Tag Rugby Coach and Adrian Webster – School Caretaker.

The school would also like to thank all the parents who were heavily involved in assisting the school during the accreditation process. It is planned to hold the flag raising ceremony later in the school year when the local and wider community will be invited to join in the school's success.

Schools may register an interest in participating in the Active School Flag initiative via the Active School Flag website, www.activeschoolflag.ie