



Irish Water Safety

Irish Water Safety (IWS) organise courses and offer many resources that might be of interest to schools wishing to achieve the Active School Flag.

Primary Aquatics Water Safety (PAWS)

The Primary Aquatics Water Safety (PAWS) courses were designed to teach primary pupils how to stay safe in and around water. PAWS is Irish Water Safety's fastest growing programme with over 35,000 certificates being issued to pupils nationwide in the last school year (September 2010 – 2011). The PAWS programme supports the Aquatics strand of the Primary Physical Education curriculum. There are two elements to the PAWS programme:

(a) Land PAWS Awards

These are classroom based programmes that focus on water safety and land based rescue skills. There are three awards – Land PAWS 1, 2, and 3 which consist of the theory of personal safety around water – safe swimming, safety on the farm, safety on open water etc., - simulated rescues on land, throwing a rescue rope into a designated area. Primary school teachers can teach and certify their pupils with Land PAWS 1, 2 and 3 which are free of charge, nationally recognised awards. For further information and to download the course content for the Land PAWS courses go to www.iws.ie

(b) Water PAWS Awards

These courses are taught by IWS or Swim Ireland teachers in the swimming pool. Every child will receive a certificate once they have achieved the appropriate level.

National Aquatics Pool Organiser Award

Irish Water Safety runs this course as part of the Primary School Teachers Summer In-Service Programme.

Aqua Attack

This website www.aquaattack.ie contains games and exercises based on the key learning points about water safety.

Water Safety Leaflets and Posters

These are available in both English and Irish to download from www.iws.ie

For further information on any of the above programmes or resources contact <i>Anne Daly, IWS Education Development Officer</i> annedaly@iwe.ie 1890 420 202
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