



Something Fishy Project 2017/2018

Divided into 3 Separate parts containing 3 Essential elements.

1. Lessons in the Classroom
2. Fieldtrip or visit to the river
3. Focus on Learning

(1) Lessons in the Classroom:

Something Fishy is a dream project for schools.

The Lessons are a gift for teachers, the way they are presented and fun for the children. The web site is www.somethingfishy.ie

The series of 8 lessons is based on the SESE Curriculum.

It is an integrated programme which includes many teaching and learning experiences emanating from the **Strands** and **Strand Units** of History, Geography and Science, in particular, but through **Linkage** and **Integration** many opportunities will present to connect with most if not all of the subjects in the New Curriculum.

(2) The Fieldtrip // Visit to the River:

This is “Education” at its best, where the children will learn through experience, activity and fun. The IFI staff will invite the teacher and pupils to join them on the river bank. These Fisheries people are experts and they will have the children in the palm of their hands as they teach the values of life on the river and its environment. They will encourage safety and awareness and explain the importance of water quality and ways of judging it and improving it. They will demonstrate the importance of conservation and promote the anti pollution and

anti litter message. They will take 'kick samples' with the children and explain the findings. They will show samples of fish life in the river by 'electric fishing'. They will promote angling as a hobby and encourage fish as a food. These activities are very exciting for the pupils, as they will see young salmon, trout, eels and other species up close and they will be allowed to touch and feel the caught fish.

In the event of bad weather the IFI staff will bring the "river" into the classroom.

(3) Focus on Learning:

This is the 3rd and final part of the programme. It is an opportunity for the teacher

(a) to reinforce the classroom lessons and the IFI message and

(b) to assess the children's learning.

It is also very important for IFI and BEC to get 'feed back' on how the programme is developing in schools.

All participating schools will be asked to express 'digitally' how the programme 'Something Fishy' has impacted on 'learning' from the children's perspective and from an IFI point of view. Awards will be given at local and national level for the best presentations of work done.