Recycling campaign in Finland

Harjunrinne school launched a recycling project in spring 2025. The main goal was to raise awareness of sustainable practices among students and staff, while also reducing the amount of waste generated in our school community.

As part of the project, we introduced three color-coded recycling bins:

- Plastics
- · Deposit bottles and cans
- Mixed waste

The system was designed to make sorting easier and more efficient. Deposit bottles and cans were collected separately, and the refund from them was directed to support the activities of the student council. Plastics and mixed waste were managed through the regular recycling system.

In addition, workshops and awareness campaigns were organized to help students understand the environmental impact of waste and the importance of everyday choices. Classes took turns maintaining the bins and monitoring how well the system was followed.

As a result, our school significantly improved its recycling rate. Students became more conscious of their daily consumption habits, and teachers observed a stronger sense of responsibility and participation.

This project not only reduced waste but also encouraged teamwork and created a visible contribution to both sustainability and our school community. The initiative will be continued and further developed in the coming years.