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Welcome to Operation Energy Power Down!

What do you need to do?

- Appoint electricity monitors, the Eco-Committee would be a perfect choice, with help from staff (if needed) you will read the electric meter each day for 5 days.
- Plan to **Power Down** on **Thursday 7th November** promote it throughout the school.
- Take your meter readings at the beginning and end of the day for 5 days from **Monday 4th November** to **Friday 8th November**.
- Record your meter reading on the Eco-Schools monitoring form.
- Send the completed monitoring form showing your results to ruth.vanry@eco-schoolsni.org by the **14th November 2013**.
- Register your school on the international Eco-Schools Connect site www.eco-schools.org/wda and tell the world about your WDA Energy Power Down Day.
- Eco-Schools will measure the impact from **all** schools in Northern Ireland taking part in **Power Down Day**.

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Ideas for Power Down Day

- **Switch off** – when lights are not needed turn them off!
- **Not on standby** – Leaving computers, monitors and projectors on standby uses a lot of energy so switch off at the plug when not in use.
- **Turn it down** – turn heat down by a few degrees, and make sure radiators are not obstructed by desks or curtains.
- **Keep it in** – When the heat is on make sure doors and windows are closed.
- **Plan activities** using the great, free resources available through Operation Energy at www.operation-energy.com
- **Think about long term changes** for your school; what can continue after WDA?
- **Use energy saving light bulbs** – where possible have these installed.
- **Install motion sensors** so lights will go off automatically, buy them with the money saved!