



Leicester news

February 2016

What is Eco-Schools Leicester?

Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education Coordinator based in the Environment Team who works with schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do.

As well as one to one support, schools are able to engage through half-termly #EcoTeachmeets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, an annual Eco-Schools conference & celebration event and keep up to date through a dedicated Twitter account, monthly eBulletins and termly newsletters.

The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom. Learning outside of the classroom (LOTC) has been identified as 'memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety'. LOTC provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.



How to find out more

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Welcome to the fourth Leicester Eco-Schools newsletter! Last term was really busy with our Primary and Secondary Eco-Schools conferences at the National Space Centre along with lots of new projects being launched including; the Ashden Less CO₂ programme, Energy month, our Postcard to Paris competition and presentation evening as well as internationally the Paris Climate Change conference which many schools were following in the news.

I am pleased to let schools know that my post has now been made permanent which means continued support beyond the initial 2 years. This means we are already started planning for our Eco-Conferences 2017! **Finally, Look out for the national Sustainable Schools Conference in Leicester on 2nd March, further details inside. As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.**



Students enjoying making recycled elephants in the Fairandfunky workshop at our Eco-Schools Conference

Finished reading? Pass on to a colleague

Eco-School Awards

Schools can register for Eco-Schools for free at www.eco-schools.org.uk/register

There are 3 levels of award: Bronze, Silver and Green Flag.

At **Bronze** level your school has set up a committee, carried out a review, created an action plan and indicated where environmental issues are covered in the curriculum and informed the whole school.

At **Silver** level your school has done the above plus involved the whole school and wider community, carried out monitoring and evaluation, created an eco-code and completed one in-depth piece of work from the nine topics.

At **Green Flag Award** status, your school has done all the above plus carried out project work in-depth for three of the nine topics and adopted a procurement policy.

Bronze and Silver are self-certified online. For **Green Flag**, schools submit evidence online and are visited by an external assessor.

Schools can also be awarded an instant **Energy Award** based on their energy usage.



How to find out more

Check out the Eco-Schools website at www.eco-schools.org.uk

Or Leicester Eco-Schools website at schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools

Since October 2015

Recently registered

Charnwood Primary School
Crown Hills Community College
Eyres Monsell Primary Schools
Falcons Primary School
Madani Boys School
Madani Girls School
Marriott Primary Primary
Merrydale Junior School
Mowmacre Hill Primary School
Parks Primary School
Sparkenhoe Primary School
St John the Baptist C of E Primary School
St Paul's Catholic School

Bronze Award

Bridge Junior School
Scraptoft Valley Primary School

Silver Award

Scraptoft Valley Primary School

Newsletter and bulletins

Our Eco-Schools newsletters are published 4 times per year. If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter, the deadline is 22 April 2016. We ask for up to 200 words, at least 1 photo and contact details e.g. name and email address.

If you would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list please email: eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

We also send monthly environmental education eBulletins during term time to all eco-school contacts as well as highlights to the schools extranet bulletin. To be added to the mailing list please email: eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

Sustainable Schools Conference

2 March 2016 - Leicester City Hall



SEEd are very excited to announce that the 2016 National Sustainable Schools Conference will be taking place on **2 March 2016** in Leicester City Council's City Hall.

About the day

SEEd, the SSA and Leicester City Council are already looking forward to welcoming you to our unique brand of conference which incorporates action learning workshops, expert keynote speakers, exclusive launches and a full day of networking and learning for sustainability.

Who should attend and why?

- The conference is open to **anyone** with an interest in education and sustainability.
- The purpose of the day is to **enable** and **support** educators to embed sustainability into their campus, curriculum and community.
- Pupils and University/College students of all ages are also welcome at the conference and we actively promote opportunities for intergenerational learning.

How to find out more

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National Sustainable Schools Conference 2016 - What's our *response-ability* in the UK?

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Leicester City Hall

9am-5pm (+Teachmeet 5.30pm-7pm)

Cost

Single delegate – £75 | Members – £67.50 | Student – £25 | Pupil – £10

Registration

You can register as a delegate using the online form available via the red 'register for this event' button at the top of the registration page (see 'find out more' above). Payment can be made via Paypal, BACS or cheque. Please contact us directly if you would like to arrange payment for your pupils. We are still in the process of acquiring sponsorship for school staff in Leicester schools. Please book registration for now if you would like to attend but would like to be considered for a sponsored place.

Stall holders and workshop hosts

If you are interested in hosting at our conference, please send us an email at admin@se-ed.org.uk and we will get back to you with further details.



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The 90kg Rice Challenge at Avenue



How to find out more

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Supports the Eco-Schools
global dimension topic



Recently the Year 5/6 children were trying to raise money for Howard, who is the rice farmer from Malawi that visited our school. Our target was £500. For the sale we made rice snakes and hearts, rainmakers/shakers and Rice/spice packs with recipes. On Thursday we cooked curry, salsa and 160 chapattis for the whole school lunch!! Councillor Clarke, Lee Jowett (from Leicester City Council) and Louise Davis (from Leicester Fair Trade) came to our school for lunch. We showed them round our school to look at our solar panels, plastic bottle greenhouse, wildlife garden and our Eco Schools Green Flag flying in the playground. We all had a great day. The whole week was really fun and we made **£820 out of 90 Kg of rice!!** This money will pay to educate a child for a year and go towards a **rotivator** to help Howard on his rice farm.

We loved the challenge! Dina and Gurjeet - Year 6 Avenue Primary School, Leicester

Kestrels' Fields Bug Hotel Building

In November 2015 students in Y3 from Kestrels' Fields Primary School participated in building a bug hotel. It was a great opportunity to think about what mini-beasts needs to survive and even some literacy built in to review how good the bug hotel was. Well done to all involved!

For more information and to build your own please see the [BBC Wildlife site](#).



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school grounds and
biodiversity topics



Our Bug Hotel
Name:

Why we built our bug hotel:
I had some ideas to help the world and we built a bug hotel. They are very good to help the world and we built a bug hotel. I had some ideas to help the world and we built a bug hotel.

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OFSTED are now looking for schools to show that they are engaging with the Global Learning Programme - GLP

In their **School Inspection Update of December 2015** (Issue 5)¹, **OFSTED** draw attention to the GLP as it 'maps onto the four Ofsted core judgements and to SMSC'. It is not up to the inspectors to ask if the school uses the programme, but **schools can and should highlight how the GLP is contributing to their provision and outcomes for pupils.**

What is the Global learning programme (GLP)? <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glp>

The GLP is a programme funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) which acknowledges that 'Every child growing up in the UK should have the chance to learn about the world around them, the facts of poverty and underdevelopment, and about the potential to build a freer and more prosperous world.' The GLP works with primary, secondary and special schools across the UK to support teachers and ensure pupils develop the skills needed to work in a global economy through learning about key themes of development education such as: knowledge of developing countries, their economies, histories and human geography, knowledge of the basic elements of globalisation, knowledge of different ways to achieve global poverty reduction and the arguments around the merits of different approaches. **GLP is co-ordinated by Pearson UK, SSAT, The Institute of Education, The Royal Geographical Association, Think Global, The Geographical Association, Oxfam**

The **GLP** aspires to engage a minimum of 50% of English schools
so why not show your passion for global learning and get on board?

How can my school get involved?

Either as a **Partner School** joining a local network of schools to access an extensive menu of CPD options and share your interest in global learning.

Or as an **Expert Centre** hosting the network and supporting whole school development and CPD with a budget of up to £5000 and support to deliver 8 twilight sessions.

The Expert Centre and Partner Schools are supported by a **Local Advisor** and **ALL SCHOOLS** receive **8 twilight CPD sessions**. In addition, we are offering a flexible package, worth **£8000 of tailored training** from **local experts** that includes:

- **One day introduction for the Global Learning Co-ordinators** Gateway to Global Learning - Self, Others and the Wider World
- **Half day training for Senior Leadership Team** Looking at the 'why, how and what' of the GLP with practical examples for a whole school approach and how it contributes to raising attainment, British Values and OFSTED requirements.
- **Up to 7 Individual full or half day sessions for subject leaders including** Numeracy/Maths, Literacy/English, Science/STEM, RE/SMSC/PSHE/Citizenship, Geography/Humanities, Sports/PE, Modern Foreign Languages, Arts/DT

Each session includes:

- A tool kit of practical classroom activities and presentations from local providers
- Explicit examples of how GLP themes dovetail with all curriculum areas
- Time for reflection on current practice and how the GLP fits into what schools are already doing
- Links to other initiatives and agendas in your school (e.g. British Values, Eco Schools, International School Award, Rights Respecting Schools)

This offer is FULLY FUNDED and FREE to all GLP SCHOOLS



What do we need to do?

- Contact your Local Adviser: **Nigel Rayment - nigel.rayment@pearson.com**
- Contact Claire Plumb lmq@leicestermasayalink.org.uk or Lee Jowett lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk or for an informal chat
- Sign your school up to the Global Learning Programme and complete a short online audit
 - Appoint a Global Learning Co-ordinator in your school

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/489087/School_inspection_update_January_2016.pdf



Africa's Gift
Reg Charity No. 1149830

Shoes for Africa

Money for you!

Solve the perennial
head ache of
non - uniform days,
raise funds for your school and
help the charity

Africa's Gift

by holding a...



Happy Feet Day

a Non Uniform Day for your feet!

Students attend school in their choice of footwear, whilst handing over a pair of unwanted shoes that can be used again in rural Africa. We pay **50p per kilo** for reusable shoes, and then transport them to Africa, where they are introduced into communities sensitively*. We collect the shoes from school on the **Happy Feet Day**, so there are no storage problems. We weigh them and make swift payment. All we ask is that the shoes are **clean, paired and tied together....**

*our focus is on empowering community members rather than perpetuating a dependency culture and we work with key personnel to make this happen.



*Supports the
Eco-Schools waste/
recycling topic*

Book now to make your feet happy!

Collection in Leicester
22 April 2016

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How to find out more

Leicester Oral Health Team

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Leicester has been revealed as the worst City in the country for children's dental health. To address this, the Council have appointed an Oral Health Promotion team to deliver the Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles programme to improve oral health, reduce oral health inequalities and lay solid foundations for good oral health throughout life

Schools are offered the opportunity to provide supervised toothbrushing with all training and resources provided free of charge. A number of schools across the city have already been offering this if you would like to be the next one see contact details above! There is also FREE oral health training which is available to all Health and Care Professionals who work within the city, you will learn about current evidence-based messages and advice which will equip you to help members in the community to improve their Oral Health. They are run regularly in various locations across the city, you can book yourself on [here](#):

For further details on the Oral Health Promotion Team and the Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles programme including information on how to access resources visit our [website](#).



Footpaths - Routes to a Greener Life

Do you want to reduce your carbon footprint? Get together with other people and support each other to do it.

This series of 8 meetings, handbook and games are designed to give you:

- Information and ideas about what you could do to reduce your carbon footprint in the areas of home energy, waste, water, consumerism, food and transport
- A chance to think about what makes carbon reduction hard for you and what you can gain from doing it
- The opportunity to come up with plans and targets for reducing your carbon footprint
- A community of like-minded people to work and have fun with

What we'd like you to commit to:

- Trying to reduce your carbon footprint
- Come to all 8 meetings and complete carbon footprint calculations
- Do 1-2 hours homework between each meeting
- Be willing to listen to other people's views and experiences



How to find out more

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global dimension topic*



How to find out more

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Will you join us in 2016? We need your help to speak out for 37 million children who are missing out on school in crisis-affected countries.

More children than ever before are having to flee their homes and schools due to conflicts, natural disaster and other emergencies. When conflicts are long-term or massive natural disasters hit, children may go for years without attending school causing whole generations to be lost to education. Half of Syrian children are now missing out on school.

Education is vital for all children but it is more important than ever in an emergency. In the middle of destruction, violence and instability, school can be a place of stability, safety, learning, and hope for the future.

This year's Send My Friend to School pack supports learning around this issue and will enable your students to speak up for their peers who are missing out on the education that is their right.

Order your free pack now online at www.sendmyfriend.org

Fruit To Suit

fruit to suit the healthy tuck shop company. **fruit to suit** is a multi-award winning social enterprise company delivering bespoke, quality assured business and enterprise programmes to primary and secondary schools nationwide. Our programmes develop and encourage entrepreneurial skills and a greater understanding of business planning which can then be consolidated by establishing and operating a long term, sustainable healthy tuck shop business.

The aims of the company are to:

- Inspire young entrepreneurs
- Combat obesity and promote healthier lifestyles
- Tackle factors affecting health
- Develop opportunities for self help

fruit to suit supplies the healthy tuck shops with an extensive range of healthy snacks and drinks meeting the School Food Trust criteria to be sold in schools. The pupils promote the health benefits to their peers, families and local communities with the consequent benefits to the diet and quality of life within these areas.



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healthy living topic



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Need lesson
planning inspiration?

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QUIZZES

LESSON STARTERS

VIDEOS

The RSPCA want to help you make learning about animals interactive and memorable. We've created lots of new content to support your lesson plans for seven to 11 year olds:

Interactive lesson content Why not explore our new interactive Animals & Us website - complete with:

- new videos - including a day in the life of an inspector
- a cartoon story to develop problem-solving and literacy skills
- interactive quizzes

Lesson Planners You'll find highly rated lesson plans (many of them rated five star on TES) linked to the English and Welsh curriculums with all the resources you need free to download.

How to find out more

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biodiversity & global
citizenship topics



The story behind the RSPCA...

Watch a video about the history of the RSPCA, how it helps animals and all of the different people that work for the RSPCA.





Water Explorers

Water Explorer is a fun, inspiring and educational programme that empowers thousands of 8 to 14-year-olds across the world to lead joint action on water issues for their schools and communities. It is free to all schools taking part. Water Explorers are supported to complete water-based Challenges on the following key water issues:

- **Precious Water:** identifying how water is being wasted and water-saving activities.
- **Fresher Water:** exploring the impact of water quality on biodiversity and the environment.
- **Secret Water:** how everything from a cotton T-shirt to a piece of paper needs water to be made.
- **Global Water:** how use of water at home and school can affect vulnerable communities across the world, from safe access to clean water to climate change.

Fully resourced and Flexible

A range of fully prepared resources are available online to support you in completing these challenges. Perfect for an eco-club, or a class group. Delivery support in school from the Water Explorer team can also be discussed. Your level of activity is your choice, whether you complete one Challenge or cover all four topic areas.

Rewards

Win prizes for your eco-activity. Those schools that complete at least 5 Challenges with Water Explorer will also be rewarded with a celebratory Water Festival to involve and inform others of your water-saving work.

*Supports the
Eco-Schools
water, waste,
global citizenship
and biodiversity
topics*



How to find out more

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🌐 Register at www.waterexplorer.org

Igloo building at Scraftoft Valley Primary

Scraftoft Valley Primary School have been busy building a recycled milk bottle igloo at their school. Here are photos of the building in progress. If you would like more information about how they built one please contact Rebecca Richardson, the Eco-Schools Coordinator at the school.





Food Glorious Food!

At Ryton Organic Gardens, Coventry.

Tuesday 23rd Feb 2016 1pm - 4.30 pm

An afternoon of activities to gain ideas for primary and secondary cooking, nutrition and food topics and how to bring food teaching to life:

- Let the gardens inspire you with ways to get students involved and excited by growing food
 - Learn new skills from a local artisan food producer
 - Follow the food chain from soil to fork, with 'Chef on a farm'
- Explore food waste and its impact on the environment and your pocket
 - Make links to farmers, growers & projects near to you



1.00pm	Arrive and introductions
1.15 – 1.45pm	'Chef on a farm'
1.45 – 2.30pm	Tour of Ryton gardens
2.30 – 3.15pm	Cookery Demo
3.15 – 4.00pm	Food waste
4.00 – 4.30pm	Tea and cake
	Supporting resources
	Food for Life programme
4.30pm	Close



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Places are limited, to reserve yours please contact:

Janet Hickinbottom Telephone: 0845 838 7192 Email: enquiries@face-online.org.uk



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living & school ground topics*



Free Training 2016



Since our launch in 2007, Food for Life has been bringing its externally validated programme to schools across the country. Thousands of schools are engaged with us, following our flexible 'change framework' to suit their individual circumstances and priorities, and progressing through our award scheme.

Now your school can take advantage of a free package of support thanks to a two-year commission from Leicester City Council's Public Health Team.

Transforming food culture in school	Tuesday 2 February (9am-1pm)	Understanding the new Ofsted requirements and getting started with Food for Life. At Rushey Mead Academy Teacher Training department
Mid day supervisors. Their new role with Ofsted and Food for Life	Tuesday 2 February (1.30-3.30pm)	Having completed this course you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of the new Ofsted inspection of the dining area • Be familiar with the aims and objectives of the Food for Life and Partnership programme and its award scheme • Understand the important role midday supervisors play at school • Have strategies for dealing with some of the common issues faced by midday supervisors • Be familiar with positive behaviour management techniques At Rushey Mead Academy Teacher Training department
Farmers Market	Wednesday 10 February	Gives a framework for planning a Farmers Market in School. Provides a framework for your pupils to achieve positive learning outcomes across a range of National Curriculum Subjects. Helps towards the bronze award for schools. At Rushey Mead Academy Teacher Training department
Cooking on the Curriculum	Wednesday 24 February	Practical advice to aid confidence for cooking in schools. Offers guidance on covering the curriculum across the age groups. At Forest Lodge Primary School
Get Growing	Tuesday 1 March	Aimed at people who want to start growing organic food at school. This introductory training is suitable for absolute beginners with no experience of gardening. It covers the basics of organic growing as well as composting in both theoretical and practical ways. At Rushey Mead Academy Teacher Training department
Plot to Pot	Wednesday 9 March	Create an action plan for growing and produce a cropping plan for your own site. Develop links with the school Kitchen. Understand how to set up and maintain a compost heap. At Rushey Mead Academy Teacher Training department
Farm Visits	Wednesday 16 March	Explores ways in which farm visits can be embedded into the curriculum. Gives guidance on the practicalities of setting up a farm visit and identifying useful links to farms and online classroom resources. At Roots Farm
Cooking for a Farmers Market	Wednesday 23rd March	A half day course around cooking in schools which compliments the Farmers Market training. This will help you in achieving your bronze award. At Forest Lodge Primary School

How to find out more

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All courses are 9.30 until 3pm unless stated as half day and then this will be morning only. To confirm a place, please contact Lisa Didier.

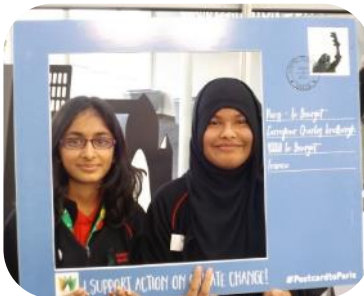


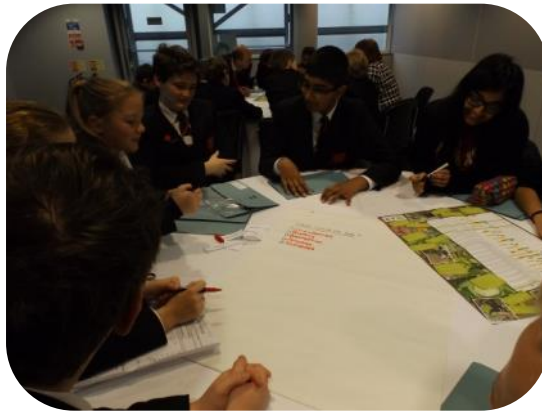
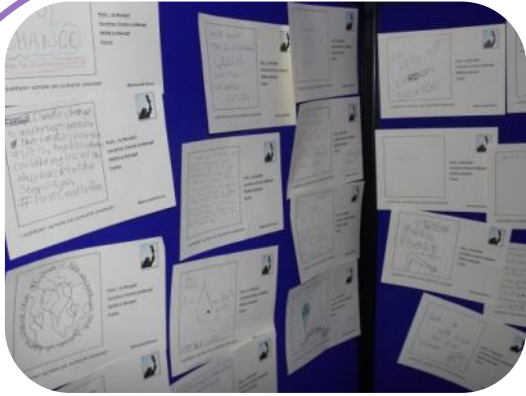
Eco-Schools Conferences

In December 2015, 21 schools attended our Leicester Eco-Schools conferences. This academic year's conferences took place at the prestigious National Space Centre. Wednesday 2 December was our secondary event attended by 5 secondary schools and Thursday 10 December welcomed 14 primary schools. We had a total of 20 workshops running over the 2 days ranging from Fairtrade, energy & water management and recycling through to global learning and sustainable transport choices.

The themes of this year's conferences were the Paris Climate Change Conference which took place while the conferences were running as well as the Sustainable Development Goals which were set in September 2015.

A big thank you to all the school students and staff who attended and to our fantastic workshop providers and market stall holders. We are now in the process of planning the academic 2016/17 Eco-Schools conferences and plan for it to be even bigger and better!







**friends of
the earth
Leicester**

Postcard to Paris Presentation

As part of raising awareness of the Climate Change Conference which took place in Paris in November/December 2015, Friends of the Earth Leicester and Leicester City Council worked together to show our support for action!

Schools and youth groups were encouraged to participate in the Postcard to Paris competition. The competition culminated in a presentation evening at City Hall on Thursday 26 November in the presence of friends and colleagues from Friends of the Earth Leicester and Leicester City Council. Below are some of the photos of the evening as well as winning artwork. Each of the winning banners went on the Climate Change march in Leicester, London and finally to Paris with Mr Massey! Well done to all involved!



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11



Looking after the Willow Brook

The Willow Brook flows through the eastern edge of Leicester where it joins the River Soar at Abbey Park. The upstream end of the catchment is mainly farmland with some small villages. The downstream end of the catchment within the city is very much urbanised. Poor management in the past has resulted in pollution reaching the water from both the rural and urban areas. Many of the natural features along the brook have been replaced with hard surfaces and concrete, particularly in the city. As a result, there is little wildlife and public access along the brook along with a risk of flooding in certain areas.

To address some of these issues Trent Rivers Trust is working closely with Leicester City Council and others as part of a project called WaterLIFE waterlife.org.uk. We are working with several schools, community groups and farmers to raise awareness of the importance of the water in the Willow Brook, delivering projects that will store water, trap pollution and provide habitats for wildlife. If you would like to volunteer, or find out more about the work please contact us.



Supports the Eco-Schools biodiversity, water & school grounds topics



How to find out more

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Christmas Card Collection



Supports Eco-Schools recycling topic

Far left: Students from Rushey Mead Academy show some of the cards they have collected

Left: Some of the delivered cards at M & S

During January 2016, schools across Leicester collected greetings cards. Cards were then either dropped off at Marks & Spencer or sent into the council for a central collection. For every 1000 cards M & S will fund a tree to be planted as part of the Woodland Trust campaign. We collected well over 28,000 cards - smashing last year's collection of 16,000! Well done to all!

Booking now for the Spring and Summer Terms - RFS Teaching Trees' free NC linked woodland visits!

The highly regarded Royal Forestry Society (RFS) Teaching Trees programme has expanded into its Batram Wood, near Ibstock, and is offering local schools free woodland visits aligned to Key Stages One and Two.

Heading up the sessions is Nicki Jempson, whose 24 years experience as a primary school teacher will help your teachers add memorable hands-on experiences to their own classroom teaching, whether that is for science topics such as tree identification and seasonal changes, or for maths, history, literacy, art or other school projects

Our creative and inspiring sessions will help bring even the most reticent of pupils out of their shells, giving them all memories to treasure for life.

Please see our leaflet attached, visit our website for more details <http://www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees/> or contact Nicki on nicola.jempson@teachingtrees.org.uk or call 07802585069 for more details.

This unique programme has been operating since 2001. It connects children with local woodlands to give an appreciation of the vital importance of woodland management in supporting a sustainable environment, for wildlife, enjoyment and timber.

Nicki, like all our Education Officers is Disclosure and Barring Service checked and all activities are risk assessed. RFS Teaching Trees is a signatory of the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto.

Book now for this term and the rest of the academic year. Thanks to our generous supporters, all sessions are delivered free, and under certain circumstances, we may even be able to help with transport costs to site.

We hope you will be able to forward this information to all your Key Stage One and Two and environmental education colleagues.

Yours sincerely

Corinne Moss

RFS Teaching Trees Co-ordinator.

FREE education sessions
for KS1 and 2 in remarkable local heritage sites...
Bringing history to life!

Proudly funded by ACE (Arts Council England)



Workshops are curriculum-linked and offer a fun and engaging way for children to learn about and experience the sites of Papplewick Pumping Station, Bassetlaw Museum or the Guildhall.

Sessions will run during February and March 2016 and are suitable for primary schools within the local catchment areas of Papplewick (Nottinghamshire), Bassetlaw (Nottinghamshire) and Leicester City.

Limited availability. Please get in touch now to express your interest:

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Website: www.nccl.org.uk Tweet: @NCCLinspiring



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SPRING BUDBURST in the woods

Trees and other woodland plants

Which trees and other woodland plants can you recognise?

- ✓ Go on a scavenger hunt
- ✓ Learn how leaves, buds and bark help us identify deciduous and evergreen trees
- ✓ Build a tree to understand their structure

Free!

Wildlife and habitats

What lives in the woods?

- ✓ Hunt for minibeasts and look for animal tracks
- ✓ Have fun with team games
- ✓ Understand what makes a good home for wildlife by building your own shelter

Unforgettable learning experiences

Seasonal changes

What happens in woodlands in spring?

- ✓ See what's waking up after winter
- ✓ Investigate buds and find out what leaves and flowers they might become
- ✓ Look at how weather affects woodlands

Measuring and problem solving

How old are the trees around us?

- ✓ Estimate their age and use different methods to measure them
- ✓ Calculate the number of trees in an area
- ✓ Find out how foresters decide how many and which ones to keep

Mix and match activities

Link to your special themes



Creating and caring for woodlands

Why are trees important?

- ✓ Discover how they help us adapt to climate change
- ✓ Become a woodland manager to look after woods for different purposes
- ✓ Understand how everyone can help care for woodlands

Materials

What can you make from timber?

- ✓ Hunt for objects made from different materials in the woods
- ✓ Decide which are natural and which are man-made
- ✓ Discover what can be made from trees. There may be a few surprises!

Schools and local woods working together



All sessions are led by experienced Education Officers (Disclosure and Barring Service checked) who make learning fun and exciting. To book your schools visit or for more information email: teachingtrees@rfs.org.uk and your local RFS Education Officer will be in touch.

RFS Teaching Trees is the Royal Forestry Society's schools programme. Find out more at www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees

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Fairtrade Fortnight 2016



We're already getting excited about Fairtrade Fortnight 2016. The dates are 29 February – 13 March 2016 and the theme will be BREAKFASTS!

“Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you’ve depended on more than half the world”

Martin Luther King

Resources can be downloaded from the [Fairtrade Foundation](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) or by searching for ‘Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 resources’.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 resources

Fairtrade Breakfasts

Are you planning a fair trade breakfast during Fairtrade Fortnight? Then why not buy your breakfast from Just Fair Trade; we stock everything from muesli to honey, orange juice to dried fruit! Get in touch to find out more.

Selling fair trade products in your school

Would you like the opportunity to raise awareness of the wide range of fair trade goods now available, but are concerned about the financial implications of running a stall? Take advantage of our tried and tested sale-or-return facility – we’ll provide you with themed products and information about fair trade, you sell as much or as little as you can and then return the unsold goods and the money you’ve take to us. This year we’re offering:

The Chocolate Box

A wide selection of our best-selling chocolate ranges – perfect for the staffroom or an evening event at school.

The Breakfast Basket

Products from across our extensive grocery range including muesli, jams and marmalades, tea and coffee, sugar etc.

Made By Women

This year Fairtrade Fortnight includes Mother’s Day (Sunday 6 March) and International Women’s Day (Tuesday 8 March); this selection would be the perfect addition to events or lessons highlighting either of those occasions.

We also offer two initiatives designed to enable schools to engage more fully with fair trade. Our chocolate sessions are designed for secondary schools and our rice sessions for primary schools. Please contact us for more information.

from Just The Fair Trade Shop

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Fun, practical and curriculum-relevant outdoor learning INSET

Wednesday evenings in Leicester

Just £10 per session per person

Anyone involved in education will be welcome including teachers, LSAs/TAs, support staff, curriculum area coordinators, governors, students and volunteers.

Environmental Studies Ltd is a local education organisation delivering Forest School programmes, curricular outdoor learning sessions, John Muir Awards and ABC qualifications to Leicestershire schools, as well as Forest School practitioner training.

INSET is delivered by a Forest School trained primary teacher with a wealth of experience in the classroom and a range of outdoor settings.

For more information and to book please see the separate attached flyer or email amsavage@environmentalstudies.biz.

- **What is Forest School? - 20 April 2016 (free session)**
- **Story making - 27 April 2016**
- **Muddy maths - 4 May 2016**
- **Growing with children -11 May 2016**
- **Wild Art -18 May 2016**
- **Survival shelters - 8 June 2016**
- **Environmental exploration games - 16 June 2016**
- **Pond dipping - 22 June 2016**
- **Marvellous mini-beasts part 1 - 29 June 2016**
- **Marvellous mini-beast part 2 - 6 July 2016**



British Council Schools- Chinese New Year

Discover what 2016's Year of the Monkey symbolises using our new pack filled with fun activities based on Chinese culture and traditions. Start preparing for Chinese New Year, explore the mythology behind the Chinese zodiac and uncover what the Year of the Monkey actually means in 2016. Take your students along on a journey with the Monkey King as he steals the pills of invisibility and then sets out to the west with his magical companions. Or, using the pack, teach them how to make traditional opera masks, draw monkeys using Chinese brush strokes, create decorative DIY kites and even learn some basic Chinese. There are plenty of creative and fun ideas for you and your students to learn about the rich history and culture of China

Resources available to download now from:
[schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/classroom-resources/
list/year-monkey](http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/classroom-resources/list/year-monkey)



The GLOBAL LEARNING LIBRARY

Managed by the Leicester Masaya Link Group and based at Forest Lodge Education Centre

LATE NIGHT OPENING DATES and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TWILIGHT SESSIONS

Jan – Mar 2016

An opportunity to browse for
resources and seek advice

An extra hour to browse

We know how busy teachers and education providers are and it isn't always easy to get to Forest Lodge Education Centre before closing time. So, on **the last Tuesday of every month, we stay open until 6.30pm** to provide a bit more time for visitors to explore the resources and ask for guidance on any aspect of global learning that is of interest or seek advice where support is needed.

Twilight Session to explore
resources and share ideas

Professional Development

We also have a display and provide a short CPD session between **4.30 and 6pm** for teachers to find out more about specific global themes or current world issues, highlighting resources and activities which they can use in the classroom.

The session provides an opportunity to network and share ideas with other practitioners and we sometimes offer free resources for schools. There is always a friendly welcome and an ample supply of tea, coffee and biscuits!



UPCOMING DATES AND THEMES – TWILIGHT SESSIONS

Tue 26 January 2016

- Sit Down for Breakfast - Stand up for Farmers (resources for World Day of Social Justice: 20 February and Fairtrade Fortnight: 29 Feb – 13 March)

Tue 23 February 2016

- International Schools Award Briefing (Please note this session is already fully booked but please contact us if you would like to be added to the waiting list.)

Tue 22 March*

- Celebrating International Mother Earth Day (22 April)

*Please note, this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please email us if you are planning to attend
global.learninglibrary@leicester.gov.uk

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Eco-Schools training courses Leicester



Becoming an Eco-School

Thursday 14 April 2016

1-4pm

Going for Green!

Wednesday 4 May 2016

1-4pm

Forest Lodge Education Centre

*Both courses are free to staff in Schools
in Leicester City*

For others there is a cost of £30 to attend



In April and May 2016 we will be running two courses to support school staff going for their Eco-Schools status.

The first is called 'Becoming an Eco-School' and will provide all the basics of how a school becomes an Eco-Schools along with the sort of support that you can expect to receive from the local authority and organisations based in Leicester as well as further a field. The date for this course is **Thursday 14 April 2016**, from 1-4pm.

The second course is 'Going for Eco-Schools Green Flag' which is for schools who are already signed up for Eco-Schools but are looking at going for their Green Flag status in the next 6-12 months. It provide lots of opportunity to look at examples of work produced by Green Flag schools, as well as all the criteria needed for Bronze, Silver and Green Flag. The date for this course is **Wednesday 4 May 2016**, from 1-4pm.

Both courses will run at Forest Lodge Education Centre and are free to attend for Leicester City Schools. To sign up please email lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk. Further details will be provided following your booking.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DAYS IN THE WOODS

For Level 2 and 3 Forest School
practitioners and trainees.

**Grange Wood, Ibstock,
Saturday 6th February / 26th March
10.30am - 3pm.**

These days are ideal if you have an assessment week coming up, or if you just want to practise practical skills or share ideas.

All basic tools, fire kit etc. provided. If you have particular requirements e.g. wood of a certain size/species to make a project, let me know. Hot drinks/marshmallows/forest school pizza ingredients provided (to cook yourself!) Or feel free to bring your own food to cook on the camp fire if you like!

£35 on the day with a £5 discount if booked and paid in advance and a further £5 discount if you trained at Holmsdale Manor. Contact kate@holmsdalemanor.co.uk to book.

FOREST SCHOOL EDUCATION

Level 3 (practitioner) **Level 2** (assistant)

Option for Level 2 to upgrade to Level 3 following training week.

Initial training weeks commencing :
30th May 2016 and 8th August 2016

Grange Wood, Ibstock, Leicestershire.

Level 2: £399 (includes training week and support to complete portfolio).

Level 3: £799 (includes training week, development and assessment week and support to complete portfolio).

Discounts available for multiple practitioners.

'Excellent course and trainer, great location and support available'-
Private day nursery practitioner. '

'Thanks for a great week- best CPD ever!'- Primary school teacher.

'Fantastic instructor, great delivery of course content, heavily practical,
great immersion with new content' - Primary school teacher.

Contact kate@holmsdalemanor.co.uk