



Leicester news

April 2015

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.

Schools are able to engage through monthly Environmental Education Networking meetings, governor training, resource planning & workshops, an annual Eco-School conference & celebration event and keep up to date through a dedicated Twitter account.

The Eco-Schools programme provides an exciting opportunity 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.



Welcome to the first Leicester Eco-Schools newsletter. It is with great pleasure that I invite you to find out about the fantastic work which is taking place in our schools in Leicester. I have been working in Leicester for just over seven months and have worked with over sixty schools. Our target is to have every school in the city to be working towards their Eco-Schools awards and ultimately become a Green Flag Eco-School. We will produce termly newsletters highlighting some of the fantastic work taking place in and around the city, so if you would like to feature, please get in touch. I look forward to meeting the remaining schools this term. My contact details can be found below, Lee.



How to find out more



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🐦 @EcoSchoolsLCC

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.

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.

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 electricity usage.



Recently registered

Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School
Belgrave St Peters C of E Primary School
Bridge Junior School
City of Leicester College
Ellesmere College
English Martyrs' Catholic School
Forest Lodge Primary School
Granby Primary School
Highfields Primary School
Mayflower Primary School
Medway Community Primary School
Mellor Community Primary School
Overdale Junior School
Rolleston Primary School
Rowlatts Hill Primary School
Soar Valley College
St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy
Stokes Wood Primary School
Thurnby Lodge Primary School

Bronze Award

Sandfield Close Primary School

Silver Award

Sandfield Close Primary School

Green Flag Schools

Avenue Primary School
Babington Community College
Queensmead Primary Academy

Energy Award

Mellor Community Primary School **5 STARS**
Medway Community Primary School **1 STAR**
St Thomas More Catholic Academy **1 STAR**
Ellesmere College **5 STARS**

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



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 Yorkshire 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.



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*Eco-Schools Waste/
Recycling topic*

Book now to make your feet happy!

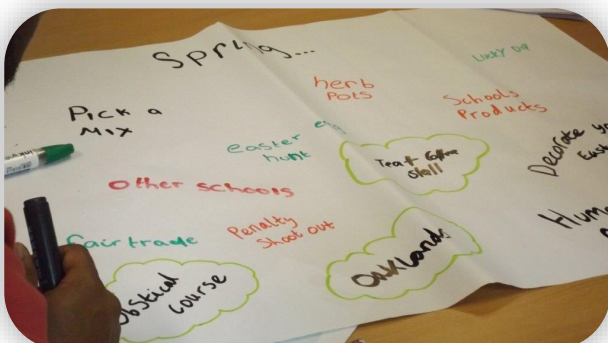
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Tuesday 19th May

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Governor Training



Do you have an Eco-Schools / Environment Governor in your school? If so, we are running Governor Training for them on Friday 19th June 2015. Further details can be found in the governor training booklet which will be emailed to all governors shortly.

Why not ask your Eco-Schools Governor to attend?



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Green Flag Award

Invitation to Community Food Growing Event



Sarah Field

Saffron Acres Project

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As part of Leicester City Council's Food Plan, the Saffron Acres Project and The Conservation Volunteers are offering training and support to community groups and individuals interested in developing food growing in the city.

We are very pleased to invite you to our first event as part of this scheme on **Tuesday 21st April** at the Saffron Acres Project, where you can learn how you can benefit, meet other groups and individuals working to develop food growing in the city and pick up some free resources to help you on your food growing journey.

The event runs from 2-5pm and you are welcome to come along at any point and stay for as long as you are able. Meet us at the main entrance to the Saffron Acres Project on the corner of Copinger Road and Whittier Road, Leicester, LE2 6LF. Unrestricted parking is available on streets near by. Please do not drive onto the allotments or block the gateway at any time.

Email sarah.field@srcentre.org.uk to book your place, we look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Field and Alex Hewins

Community Food Growing Support Partners

The Woodland Trust provides free school tree packs twice a year to plant. They have thousands of tree packs to give away to schools and communities just in time for ideal planting seasons. Their packs are available in quantities of 30, 105 or 420 and in different species. There are wild harvest, wildlife, year-round colour, working wood, wetland and wild wood packs available.

To order your packs go to www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees
The deadline is 3 September 2015 or upon full subscription.



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School Grounds and
Biodiversity topics*

Free Trees for Schools

The African Garden Day aims to support:

- A global dimension to learning and SMSC objectives.
- Curriculum development opportunities through Send a Cow's Lessons from Africa resources.
- Creative problem solving, teamwork and practical skills in fun, hands-on ways.
- Whole-school learning, including links with Eco-Schools, International Schools and Healthy Schools, through the Keyhole Garden.

The African Garden Day has been developed for KS2 by Send a Cow as part of their Education programme. The day is primarily a hands-on practical day to build an African Keyhole Garden but also includes a whole school assembly and class session.

African Garden Days

Eligible primary schools in Leicester are able to take advantage of the Send a Cow African Garden Day project. Headteachers have been previously contacted however to find out if you are eligible please contact Claire Plumb directly (contact information below). Rolleston Primary enjoyed building their own garden earlier this year (photos on the right). Sandfield Close Primary School and Holy Cross Primary School will be building their very own this term.



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School Grounds and
Healthy Living topics*



How to find out more

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Biffa Recycling Workshops at the Ball Mill, Leicester

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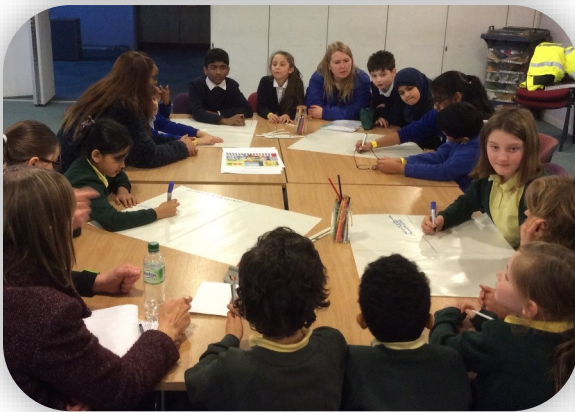


Across January and February this year, Babington Community College, Sandfield Close Primary, Rowlatts Hill Primary, Avenue Primary and Linden Primary schools attended a workshop and visit to the Ball Mill in Leicester.

The Ball Mill is responsible for diverting approximately 70% of wheelie bin waste from landfill and is the only one of its kind in Europe.

The Ball Mill is a huge drum similar to a washing machine. Instead of washing powder it contains 42 tonnes of steel balls.

Students and staff were able to observe the Ball Mill from viewing windows as well as learn about how it works. There was then a session where schools gave Sophie and Lee feedback about how schools could be encouraged to recycle more through Biffa and Leicester City Council. Watch this space for more info!



How to find out more

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Supports the Eco-Schools Waste topic

Walk to School Week (18-22 May)



Walk to School Week takes place as part of Living Streets' National Walking Month each May, bringing together nearly one million school children, teachers and parents.

There are lots of ways your school could get involved:

Hold an assembly. Create your own assembly or download one from the Living Streets' website to remind everyone of the benefits of walking to school. *Why not get your Eco-Monitors to deliver it?*

Run some classroom activities. Living Streets have a huge array of curriculum-linked activities, all with a transport (mostly walking!) or healthy living focus. www.livingstreets.org.uk/lesson-plans and www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school/learning-resources

Join in with Happy Shoesday! On Tuesday of Walk to School Week we'd love to see pupils wearing to school the shoes that make them happy. www.livingstreets.org.uk/happysoesday

Get creative and spread the message. Ask pupils to design and display posters about what they enjoy about walking to school or why walking is good for them and their family.



How to find out more

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My Wild Life Adventure Wild Area Design Competition

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are running a wild area design competition called **My Wild Life Adventure**, supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The Trust is inviting Leicester City primary schools to submit a design of a Forest School or wildlife area that they would like to have created in their grounds. A panel of judges will select their **three favourite designs**, which will then be turned into a reality by the Trust's team of Grow Wild gardeners. Pupils' imaginative designs can be created on paper, in 3D, as a short film or animation.

There is **£3,500** (to cover both labour and materials) for each winning school, so you need to take into account the amount of money available when coming up with your design. Schools are welcome to raise extra funds to add to the prize money if they want to create larger or more complex areas.

To enter the competition, and to find out more, go to: www.wildforestschool.org.uk The deadline for submissions is **Friday 1st May 2015**.



Leicestershire
& Rutland
Wildlife Trust



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Leicester's Food Plan, Healthy Eating, Food Growing and Schools



Shared learning across Leicester City's schools will be developed as part of a wider plan to address Leicester City's Health and Well Being. Food growing forms a major part of Leicester City's food plan as a response to well-documented concerns about the health and well-being of Leicester's children and young people with recognition that food growing in schools is a successful way of addressing these issues.

2015 is an exciting year for food growing across the city as communities and schools have been offered funding to develop food growing. Schools play a pivotal role in raising standards of health and wellbeing for children and young people through developing learning around the benefits of food growing. 40 schools have been granted funding to develop their food growing projects and this work will be documented as part of the city's Food Plan.

The Food Plan marks the start of a long term programme towards making Leicester a healthy and sustainable food city. This means our city will become a place where the production, distribution, purchase and use of affordable food leads to better health, stronger communities and a successful economy – while protecting the environment and conserving natural resources.

Public Health at Leicester City Council has also commissioned the **Food for Life Partnership** from April 2015 who can work with schools and give support to achieve awards in four key areas:

- Food Leadership and School Food Culture;
- Food Quality;
- Food Education
- Community and Partnerships.

Food for Life is about transforming food culture – making healthy, tasty and nutritious meals the norm for all to enjoy, reconnecting people with where food comes from, teaching how it is grown and cooked and understanding the importance of well sourced ingredients. The award scheme helps to build knowledge and skills through a whole school approach that involves pupils, teachers, caterers, parents and the wider community.

Leicester's Local Project Manager is now contacting schools to offer support: Please contact Lisa Didier, Leicester Local Programme Manager, Food For Life Partnership Tel: 07718570945

How to find out more

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The following schools were successful in Schools Get Growing Grants, Congratulations!

Avenue Primary School
Babington Community College
Beaumont Leys School
Beaumont Lodge Primary School
Belgrave St Peter's C of E Primary School
Braunstone Community Primary School
Christ the King Catholic School
Crown Hills Community College
Dovelands Primary School
Ellesmere College
English Martyrs' Catholic School
Glebelands Primary School
Heathbrook Primary School
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Humberstone Infant School
Judgemeadow Community College
King Richard III Infant School
Marriott Primary School
Mayflower Primary School
Medway Community Primary School
Mellor Primary School
Millgate School
Nether Hall School
Overdale Infants School
Overdale Junior School
Rolleston Primary School
Rowlatts Hill Primary School
Rushey Mead Secondary School
Sandfield Close Primary School
Soar Valley College
St John the Baptist CE Primary School
St Patricks Catholic Primary School
St Pauls Catholic School
St Thomas More Catholic Academy
Stokeswood Primary School
The City of Leicester College
The Lancaster School
Uplands Junior School
West Gate School
Whitehall Primary School
Willowbrook Primary School
Wyvern Primary School



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Eco-Schools Assessor Training in Leicester

When schools are ready to apply for their Green Flag Eco-Schools award they submit an application to Keep Britain Tidy and arrangements are then made for an Assessor to visit the school to carry out an assessment.

Keep Britain Tidy have a small army of assessors around the country who volunteer to do the assessments. In Leicester we are always looking for more volunteers to help out. An assessment takes between 1½ to 2 hours and is usually done at around 10.00am in the morning or 1.00pm in the afternoon to fit in with the school hours. Each assessor completes a Green Flag assessment form following their visit.

Assessors carry out the assessments on dates/times that are convenient with both the assessor and the school. You would be able to select school within a reasonable distance from your home/work base. Assessments are done voluntarily in either the assessors own time or time permitted by their employer and reasonable travel expenses/mileage allowance are paid. We ask that assessors commit to a minimum of 2 assessments per year.

The assessor training course explains much more about the Eco-Schools scheme and details on how to carry out an assessment. The training is free but you will be expected to fund your own travel and subsistence costs. Refreshments and a buffet style lunch will be provided. The training events commence at 9.15am and finish no later than 3.30pm. The objectives of the training session are to:

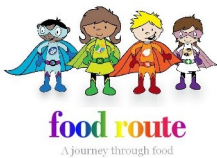
- To have a good understanding of the Eco-Schools programme
- To be aware of the award criteria
- To be familiar with the Green Flag assessment requirements/process
- To identify that a school is achieving the required criteria and outcomes



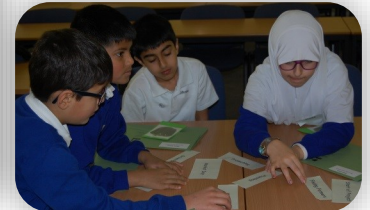
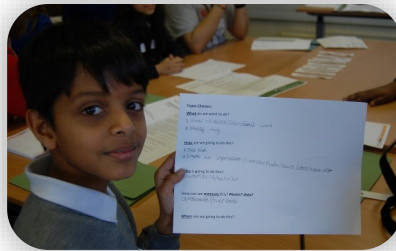
Interested? The next training available at City Hall, Leicester will be on Tuesday 9 June 2015. If you are interested in attending please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator, Leicester City Council
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0116 454 2271.

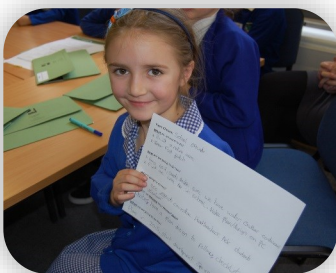
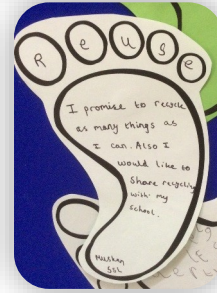
Eco-Schools Conferences

On the 24th and 26th March, De Montfort University was the host of our first Primary and Secondary Eco-Schools conferences in Leicester. Schools were given the opportunity to attend 4 different workshops and spend some time at lunch finding out about different opportunities in and around Leicester. Many were new schools who haven't previously been working on Eco-Schools. There was a real buzz at both events and lots of ideas which will hopefully be put in place over the next few months. A special thank you goes to Leicester's Food Plan and Public Health for kindly sponsoring the event through funding schools and workshops. As always if schools need further support, don't hesitate to get in touch.



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Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust



Thank you to schools that attended our conferences

Primary Schools

- Abbey Primary School
- Avenue Primary School
- Belgrave St Peter's C of E School
- Bridge Junior School
- Forest Lodge Primary School
- Highfields Primary School
- Humberstone Infant School
- Mayflower Primary School
- Medway Primary School
- Mellor Primary School
- Merrydale Junior School
- Northfield House Primary School
- Overdale Junior School
- Sandfield Close Primary School
- St Mary's Fields Primary School
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- Thurnby Lodge Primary School
- Whitehall Primary School

Secondary Schools

- Babington College
- City of Leicester College
- English Martyrs'
- Soar Valley College



If you require contact details of any organisations that attended, get in touch with Lee

Environment Education Network Meetings

Network meetings take place monthly after school at various schools and venues that may be of interest. Previous themes have included outdoor learning (photos on the right), sustainable travel & transport, and global learning. If your school would like to host a network meeting in the next academic year, please do get in touch. Network meetings are great ways to find out what other schools are doing, what works well and what doesn't, and also can be used towards your Green Flag Eco-Schools Award as sharing good practice with other schools. As always, if you have a specific topic you would like covering or want to 'show and tell' then please get in touch. Our next meetings are shown on the right. Look forward to seeing you there.



Supports many of the Eco-Schools topics



Environmental Education Network Meeting

Growing and Local Food



**Rolleston Primary School, Hillsborough Road
Leicester, LE2 9PT**

Tuesday 12th May 2015, 4.00-5.30pm



An informal and interactive opportunity to find out about **local food and growing** in schools and find out about other environmental education work in the city

All school staff are welcome! Book your place now:

bit.ly/MayEnvironment

If you would like more information please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 454 2271



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schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools

Schools Carbon Data

Leicester City Council has been reporting its carbon emissions since 2008/09 and we are once again asking schools to help us understand the impact of schools on the carbon footprint of the council. We would like you to send us information from the last financial year (**1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015**) on your transport, air-conditioning and, if applicable, any information on heating oil and solid fuel that you have used. To do this complete the form that can be downloaded from here - <http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/management/environmental-education-in-leicester/carbon-data-collection/>

Business Managers and Premises Officers have been emailed this information. Remind your team to email back.

Environmental Education Network Meeting

Litter and Recycling



**Mellor Community Primary School
Checketts Road, Leicester LE4 5EQ**

Tuesday 30th June 2015, 4.00-5.30pm

An informal and interactive opportunity to find out about how you can reduce litter and increase recycling in your school and find out about other environmental work in the city.



All school staff are welcome! Book your place now:

bit.ly/JuneEnvironment

If you would like more information please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 454 2271



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schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools

Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Programme

The Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programme is an education programme for young people. Roots & Shoots encourages children to implement practical positive change for people, animals and the environment by providing teachers with free resources and activities.

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots has three overall awards categories. The first, general, category gives bronze, silver and gold awards to the best school projects to commend your hard work. The second category is the prestigious The Jane Goodall Award for Individual Endeavour, and our third category is for Best Photographic Entry.

All schools that submit a project post will automatically be eligible for a Bronze Award certificate personalised with the details of your school. Projects that show special merit and initiative will be awarded a personalised Silver Award certificate. Both Bronze and Silver award winners will be considered for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Annual Award and you may be invited to attend the prestigious Awards Ceremony in December.

Projects that incorporate work on all three aspects of Roots & Shoots will be awarded a personalised Gold Award certificate. The schools who have submitted these projects will be automatically invited to the Roots & Shoots Annual Award Ceremony in December where students will have the opportunity to present their projects and meet Dr. Jane Goodall in person before an overall winner is announced.

In December 2014, two schools of our schools in Leicester were fortunate enough to be invited to meet Dr. Jane Goodall at London Zoo. The prestigious event was a fantastic opportunity for Babington Community College and Sandfield Close Primary School to show and tell the amazing work they had been carrying out in their respective schools.

If your school is interested in participating in the Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots Programme and would like to submit a project for consideration, simply register and log-in to the Roots & Shoots website and post a story for your school.

Remember, your projects need to demonstrate how you have made a practical, positive difference to either people, or animals, or the environment. If you can show how you have helped to make the world a better place for one or even two of the above, then you will be eligible for a bronze or silver award. If however, you wish to be considered for a Gold Award you must demonstrate that you have made a positive difference to all three aspects – for people, animals and the environment. Good luck!



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Supports the Eco-Schools School Grounds, Healthy Living, Litter, Waste, Global Citizenship and Biodiversity topics



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Roger Marks
Photography*

Energy Use



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Did you know schools typically spend thousands of pounds per year on energy? Electricity, gas and water in the majority of schools in Leicester is monitored. Until recently schools were only given information if there was a fault or something unusual happening with their consumption. However schools are now being given the opportunity to monitor to their own consumption via DynamatLite, a web based monitoring tool. Schools are given a unique username and password to login. These details cannot be changed so can be shared with students both in their Eco-team or more generally in numeracy or maths lessons. Several schools have used this tool to their advantage including Avenue Primary, Mayflower Primary, Whitehall Primary and Sandfield Close Primary who have a target of 10% electricity reduction.

Looking for something different for your assembly? Lee can provide a number of assemblies on various environmental themes. These can include climate change linked to polar bears, wildlife conservation linked to gorillas or mountain bongos. Also you might want to launch a topic such as Fairtrade with a whole class or whole school. Humberstone Junior Academy, Avenue Primary and Alderman Richard Hallam Primary have already taken advantage of some of these assemblies. Get in touch!

Assemblies



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Christmas Card Recycling



Did you participate in our Christmas Card recycling? Twelve schools sent in their Christmas cards for recycling resulting in over 18,000 cards. Massive congratulations to Alderman Richard Hallam Primary, Belgrave St Peter C of E Primary and Judgemeanow College who send in a phenomenal amount each. Watch out later in the year for the 2015 collection.



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Fairtrade Schools Conference

In early February 2015 we held our first Fairtrade Schools Conference in Leicester. It was a great opportunity to showcase some great work in schools and help develop ideas around Fairtrade and the Fairtrade schools award. The conference was attended by 7 schools totally approximately 70 students. Schools attending 3 workshops presented by the Leicester Masaya Link, University of Leicester Botanical Garden, Fair and Funky and the Fairtrade Foundation. We are currently planning the next Fairtrade conference and would love to hear any ideas to make the next even bigger and better.



Thank you to schools that attended our conference

Primary Schools

- Belgrave St Peter C of E Primary
- Queensmead Academy
- Sandfield Close Primary
- Slater Primary
- St Barnabas C of E Primary
- Whitehall Primary

Secondary School

- Fullhurst Community College

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Severn Trent Water Education Programme



Are you studying water this year? Would you like to reduce your school's water usage? Would you just like to know more about water? At Severn Trent Water, we offer a free education programme to all schools in our region. Our programme includes a range of workshops, tours and visits to schools and community groups, to help everyone learn about water. A typical outreach visit includes a whole school assembly about water efficiency, followed by workshops with relevant year groups and an action planning session with the eco council to help them investigate water usage in school and hopefully find ways to reduce usage.

We also offer tours of our sewage works in Spondon, Derby. These are pre-booked and last for half a day – either AM or PM tours. The tours include a presentation about water efficiency, followed by a tour of the sewage treatment works. Please note: the school is responsible for organising and funding transport to and from the sewage works, but there is no charge for the tour. If you are interested in taking advantage of our programme, please email me at laura.sheppard@severntrent.co.uk or visit our website <http://www.stwater.co.uk/education> for more details.



Supports the Eco-Schools Water topic



Food Route



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Healthy Living topic

Food Route is run by Leicestershire Nutrition & Dietetic Service and is a flexible route to food in schools and can help you with the many aspects of healthy food in the curriculum, alongside nutrition and cooking in your school. Food Route has worked with many of our local primary schools and we are entering a new phase of support in partnership with the 'Food for Life Partnership'.

Food Route has 4 main themes:

Diet and Health **Cooking** **Food Safety** **Shopping**



How to find out more

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We also offer staff training around school food and family cooking sessions in the form of our Big Cook Little Cook courses. If you would like to know more and arrange for a visit to discuss Food Route for your school, please call or email Paula Walton.

Join the Global Learning Programme



Helping your school inspire pupils by deepening their understanding of global issues

What is the Global Learning Programme?

The **Global Learning Programme (GLP)** is a ground-breaking new programme which helps teachers to deliver effective teaching and learning about development and global issues at Key Stages 2 and 3.

How to find out more

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Supports the Eco-Schools Global Dimension topic

Great funded opportunity for Eco-Schools:

The Global Learning Programme

Want to bring a global dimension to Eco-schools?

Want to join up your sustainable schools activity and global learning?

Then this could be for you!

An opportunity has arisen for schools in Leicester to get involved with an exciting national programme called the Global Learning Programme, which supports teaching and learning about international development, sustainability and global issues at Key Stages 2 and 3. You could join up as a Partner School.

Linden Primary in Leicester, with excellent practice in global learning, have been chosen to act as a hub for good practice. Linden Primary will provide local, peer-led training and support for teachers in Partner Schools. Partner Schools will be supported by:

- Half-termly support meetings, for four terms
- E-credit funding for training opportunities with accredited CPD providers (up to £500)
- Sharing of good practice and global learning resources and development education methodologies.

Morgan Phillips, Education Manager for Eco-schools says:

'Have you thought about joining the Global Learning Programme? Join the Eco-Schools already on the Global Learning Programme (GLP) and incorporate a global learning element into your school. Find out more about free staff training, funding, guidance, free resources, the local network support and how the GLP can help your school expand its sustainability and environmental work at www.glp-e.org.uk.'

Want to know more?

Register on the programme website at

www.glp-e.org.uk and we will contact you. Or contact Sonia Chopra at Linden Primary.

Linda Barker, GLP Local Advisor for the East Midlands on linda.barker@pearson.com



Based in 15 acres of land on the bank of the River Soar, Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre is a charity organisation, lucky enough to have access to 15 acres of diverse habitats on the bank of the River Soar. We can offer Environmental Studies sessions at each Key Stage run by our experienced staff. If you'd prefer to have your own staff lead the session, we welcome school groups to make the most of our site for environmental education completely free of charge.

The centre offers a wide variety of outdoor adventurous activities, delivered either on site or in your school grounds or setting, and we can tailor our sessions to tie in with the national curriculum, integrating outdoor education with classroom studies.

We are proud to announce that Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre is now also able to offer Forest Schools sessions - a great way to improve environmental awareness through creating an ongoing connection with nature as part of a holistic education program. For more information, please contact Claire at education@lopc.co.uk or on 0116 268 1426, or visit our website www.lopc.co.uk to learn more about the Centre.

Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre *Environmental Education, Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Forest Schools*



Get Walking Keep Walking Ramblers



Supports the Eco-Schools Transport and Healthy Living topics

Get Walking Keep Walking is a Leicester City Council and Ramblers project which enthuses people to increase their everyday walking and make positive lifestyle changes. We run after-school groups for parents and children doing weekly led walks and providing motivational materials and advice. The project supports work that the schools do in encouraging healthy lifestyles and walking to school. It also encourages children and parents to explore and learn about their local environment.

Over the past year Get Walking has worked with several schools in Leicester running successful programmes, incorporating weekly themes specific to that area such as nature, local history, and eye-spy. The adults received a Get Walking pack and pedometer and the children received activity packs containing information and activities to engage their interest on the walks.

This has been a really successful way of engaging parents in after-school activities with around 15 – 20 families engaged at most schools and lots of people making it to the majority of the walks.

The project is running this opportunity again this year, to March 2016. If any schools in Leicester* are interested in setting up after-school walks with Get Walking Keep Walking please contact amy.morgan@ramblers.org.uk or call 0116 373 7589

*project area is limited to certain areas of the city and so our support is dependent upon the school being in this area.

Saffron Acres Project



**Supports the Eco-Schools Schools Grounds,
Biodiversity and Healthy Living topics**

Saffron Acres project is Leicester's largest community food growing and environmental project based just off Saffron Lane near Aylestone Leisure Centre. Since 2006 we have developed an area of wasteland into a thriving project working with all sectors in the community.

We offer a range of tailored opportunities for schools, from programmes of visits to one off trips. Activities can be delivered by our experienced environmental education team or groups are welcome to use our space to deliver some or all activities themselves.

Our site includes, poly tunnels, vegetable beds, soft fruit area, orchard, picnic area and shelter, toilets, drinking water, exotic and traditional crops, bug hunting and den building facilities, story circle, willow dome and lots more!

For more information, charges or to arrange a site visit please contact Sarah Field on 0116 2837212 or sarah.field@srcentre.org.uk www.srcentre.org.uk/saffron-acres

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust offers a range of exciting Outreach Education Programmes for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

- Through our fun and interactive *Environmental Education Workshops* we can bring quality environmental education to your school, whilst meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum. Topics include habitat exploration, making space for wildlife and renewable energy.
- *Forest School* helps children to develop personal, social and emotional skills and increases confidence and self-esteem. Our comprehensive programme can be run either in your school grounds or in a nearby green space.
- Our range of *Woodland Workshops* give pupils the opportunity to experience elements of Forest School such as woodwork, shelter building and fire lighting, without needing to take part in a full six week programme.
- School grounds projects and advice are available through *Grow Wild*, which aims to support schools to make the most of their outdoor spaces for people and for wildlife.



**Leicestershire
& Rutland
Wildlife Trust**

For more information go to:
www.lrwt.org.uk/learn-discover/schools

Martha Rose, Education Officer
mrose@lrwt.org.uk 0116 2487356



**Supports the Eco-Schools School
Grounds and Biodiversity topic s**

BOOK YOUR SCHOOL PLACE NOW



Eco-School Celebration Event

Thursday 25th June 2015 • City Hall, Leicester



Schools are invited to bring up to 4 students to display at least 1 project they have taken part in this academic year. This event is free and open to all schools in Leicester who are registered with the Eco-Schools programme which is also free.

Purpose of the day

To celebrate environmental education work in Leicester

Objectives of the day

For schools to promote project work they have done

To celebrate the work which has taken place

To provide opportunities for students and staff to network and find out about each other

**Closing date to confirm
attendance**

12 June 2015

Lunch/refreshments:

Students will need to bring packed lunches with them, refreshments will be provided at break and lunch.

Timings of the day

09.30-10.00	Arrival of schools
10.00-10.30	Setting up of displays
10.30-11.30	Official judging and drop in from organisations
11.30-12.00	Official judging ends, students to look at each other's stalls (Eco-Factor)
12.00-12.45	Lunch
12.45-14.00	Speeches by special guests and presentation of certificates

Project Entries:

- Energy and/or water reduction
- Biodiversity and/or school grounds
- Travel and transport
- International work
- Judges Special Award
- Litter reduction
- Healthy living
- Waste minimisation
- Fairtrade
- Eco-Factor Award (voted by students)

Schools will be asked to provide brief information about their display before the day

Book online now - bit.ly/EcoSchoolsCelebration

For more information please contact Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council

lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 454 2271