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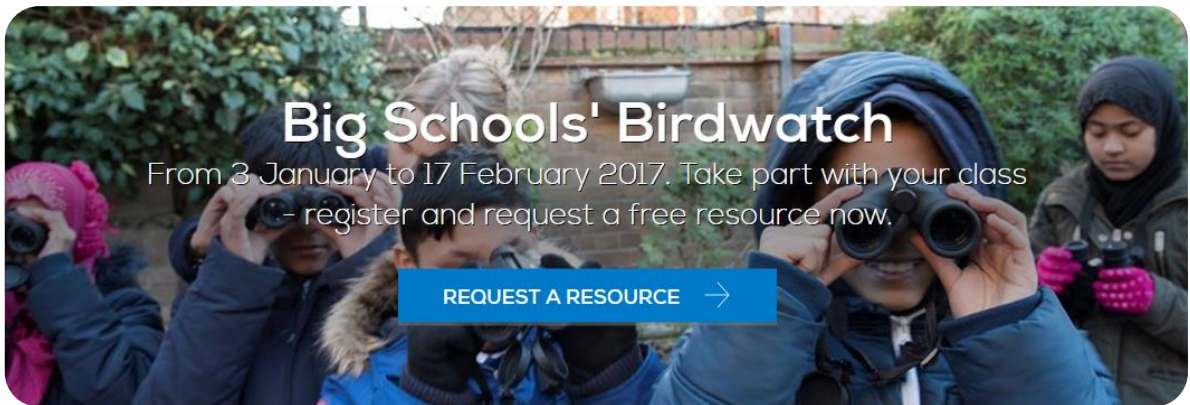
What is Eco-Schools Leicester?

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 termly #EcoTeachmeets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, assemblies, Eco-Schools conferences & celebration events and can 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.

Welcome to the January Leicester environmental education and Eco-Schools newsletter and a Happy New Year! There are lots of great events taking place around the City this term and into the summer term. We start our exciting Eco-Schools roadshow in March at Sir Jonathan North Community College and have teamed up with colleagues in Food for Life in June for the annual Eco-Schools & Food for Life Celebration event. We have launched the Global Goals Celebration which will culminate in a celebration event at City Hall and a week long pop-up shop at the Highcross shopping centre during May half-term. And of course, I'll be supporting schools going for their Bronze, Silver and Green Flag Eco-Schools awards. As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.



Big Schools' Birdwatch

From 3 January to 17 February 2017. Take part with your class – register and request a free resource now.

REQUEST A RESOURCE →

There is still time to register for the Big Schools' Birdwatch – click the [link](#) above or search 'Big Schools' Birdwatch

How to find out more

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Congratulations to Avenue Primary School on a great Christmas Farmers market which took place in December

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.



Newsletter

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 **23 March 2017**. We ask for around 200 words, at least 1 photo and contact details e.g. name and email address to: eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

Since November 2016

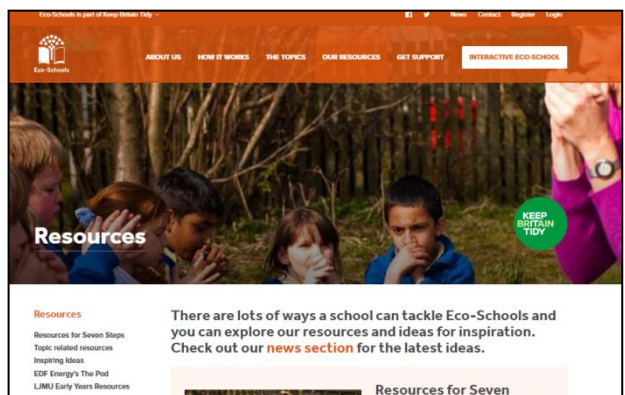
Bronze Award

Northfield House Primary Academy

New Eco-Schools Website



You may have noticed that the national Eco-Schools website was completely rebuilt before Christmas. You **can still log in to submit evidence** for the Bronze, Silver and Green Flag Award. Click on login on the top right corner which will take you to a section of the previous site.



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



THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

Leicester Schools' Global Goals Celebration 17 May 2017

In September 2015, 193 world leaders agreed 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. If these Goals are completed, it would mean an end to extreme poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030! Our governments have a plan to save our planet...it's our job to make sure they stick to it.

In Leicester we want to raise the profile of the Global Goals so that **every student** knows what they are and how they can contribute! Here's where you come in...



On **Wednesday 17 May 2017** we will be holding a schools' Global Goals celebration at City Hall, Leicester. We want as many schools as possible to participate in the exhibition by giving their interpretation of one of the Global Goals. The best example of each Global Goals will appear in a pop-up shop in the **Highcross Shopping Centre** throughout **May half-term**.

Why not download the guidance submission form today? Email your submission to lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk by Friday 10 February 2017



Eco-Schools Roadshow 2017

This year Environmental Education Leicester will be hosting a series of mini-conferences in place of the Annual Eco-Conference – **book now to avoid disappointment!**

10 March 2017 Sir Jonathan North Community College

28 March 2017 Forest Lodge Education Centre

4 April 2017 Moat Community College

24 April 2017 Rushey Mead Academy

TBC June 2017 Venue TBC

- Each event will run from 9.30am - 12.30pm and will consist of a carousel of interactive and informative workshops, based on the Eco-Schools themes



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of the **Global Goals for Sustainable Development** and **Eco-Schools** topics
- Develop new **campaigns** and identify ways of promoting sustainability in school
- Opportunity to network with other schools and learn about their **environmental projects**
- Find out about local and national **projects** and how to get involved

This free event is **open to all registered Eco-Schools in Leicester**, Primary or Secondary. Schools are invited to bring up to 12 students to attend. Further details will be provided on booking



To book your school place please email Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 2271 **as soon as possible to confirm**

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2017

Deadline for
school entry
7 June 2017

Wednesday 28 June 2017 • City Hall, Leicester

Celebrate the work that your school has completed this year by attending the annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration. Bring along up to 5 students to display your Eco-Schools and/or your Food for Life project



Schools can display 2 Eco-Schools topics, 1 of which can be used as your Food for Life project. The Eco-School topics are:

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Litter
- Waste
- Transport
- Water
- School Grounds
- Healthy Living
- Global Dimension



Eco-School Awards will be presented based on your school's level of Eco-School award rather than by topic like in previous years. Food for Life awards will be judged separately

All schools will also be entered into the:

- Judge's Special Award
- Eco-factor Award (voted by students)



The event will run from 9.30am - 2pm

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

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



For more information and to book your school place please contact:

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Lisa Didier, Soil Association Food for Life

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Recycle for Leicester Schools Competition

The Children's Council is launching a recycling poster competition for primary schools in Leicester

The poster will be used in schools for presentations, on city council vehicles and online to encourage primary school children to recycle



- The design should stand out and represent recycling – help people to understand the benefits of recycling, what we can recycle and why we should.
- The poster should include the young person's first name, school and age (and Key stage) on the back.
- There are voucher prizes for KS1 and KS2
- The poster design should be portrait and not landscape.
- The winning design may be used by the city council's waste management department for future campaigns.



It's in the
BAG!

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Friday 24 February 2017

Schools are asked to send a maximum of 5 entries for KS1 and 5 entries for KS2

Send your entries to Alan Curtis, Alliance House, 6 Bishop St, Leicester LE1 6AF

Alan Curtis, SDSA
0116 299 5942
Alan.curtis@sdsa.net



 **recycle**
for Leicester

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.



Supports the Eco-Schools
healthy living topic



How to find out more

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🌐 www.fruittosuit.co.uk

New BBC science initiative for 9-11 year-olds

Registration opened on the 17th November for the BBC's UK wide primary science initiative starting in the spring term and we want your school to take part. The initiative has been designed for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

How will it work?

From January 2017, every 4-6 weeks we'll be launching a series of science topics, each of which will include an experiment, on-line videos and teacher resources all designed to meet the key points of the primary science curricula across the UK.

Each topic and corresponding experiment has been developed for maximum flexibility so you can just do the core parts or expand the topic to suit the engagement and abilities of your pupils.

Follow this [link](#) for more details or search 'BBC science initiative for 9-11 year-olds'

| Month | Science topic | Experiment |
|----------|------------------------------|--|
| January | Animals including Humans | 'Me' – what makes me different? |
| February | Materials & their Properties | 'Water' - does my water freeze quicker than yours? |
| March | Earth & Space | 'Time' – do I change when the clocks change? |
| May | Living Things | 'Trees' – what do trees do for me? |
| June | Forces | 'Speed' – how can going slower help me go faster? |



Supports the
Eco-Schools
healthy living
topic



Big Spring Clean 2017

With the phenomenal success of Clean for The Queen, Keep Britain Tidy had lots of people asking about plans for 2017. So, they are delighted to announce that they will run a brand new clean-up campaign next year, with a view to making this an annual fixture in the calendar.

They have already asked the great British public for a new campaign name and after receiving thousands of votes, more than half of you voted for **The Great British Spring Clean**. Plans for 2017 are already underway and we aim to inspire even more people from clubs, communities, schools and businesses across the country to get active and help clean up their neighbourhoods.

They are looking to encourage activity throughout the month of March, with a particular focus on registering thousands of clean-up events over the long weekend from **3-5 March**.

Keep an eye on the [Keep Britain Tidy website](#), their [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts for regular campaign updates. To take part, simply go to www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk and register today!




Supports the Eco-Schools litter and school grounds topics

The Crunch



How to find out more

The Wellcome Trust

 thecrunch.wellcome.ac.uk

 facebook.com/thecrunch2016

 instagram.com/thecrunchwellcome

#thecrunch2016

Find out how The Crunch activities have been used by teachers, students, young people and The Crunch Ambassadors. Discover what you can do with the free resources both inside and outside of the classroom. Find the rest of your resources here:

thecrunch.wellcome.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges

In 2016, The Crunch sent free resource kits to every school and college in the country – as well as providing resources online – to help pupils and students explore our food, our health and our planet.



Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living topic

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017

IT'S TIME TO PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK



Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 is from Monday 27 February to Sunday 12 March 2017 and it is all about Fairtrade Breaks!

The Fairtrade Foundation are excited to announce that you can now order your [FREE Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 Event Pack](#) for your school! Just fill in [your details here](#) and they will aim to get it to you within a week so that you can start planning your activities.

This FREE pack for your school contains: Top tips for your Fairtrade Break, an A3 poster pack, 3 table talkers, A Breaks and Ladders game, stickers & 2 mugshot props.

If you need more full packs or just individual pieces you can order extras through their [online shop](#) for the price of postage. They also have a new film on its way for secondary schools with supporting resources as well as new assemblies to sit alongside all their fantastic [early years](#), [primary](#) and [secondary school](#) resources.

They hope you'll join them in shouting as loudly as we can about the fact that many of the farmers and workers who grow our food don't earn enough to feed their families.

All the best and happy planning!



Supports the Eco-Schools global dimension topic

shop.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight-2017

Send My Friend to School 2017



Supports the Eco-Schools global dimension topic

How to find out more

Send My Friend to School

www.sendmyfriend.org

www.facebook.com/sendmyfriend

www.twitter.com/sendmyfriend

February will see the launch of the Send My Friend Campaign 2017. As you know, education is powerful and transformative. Imagine the power of a world in which every child is in school - learning and aspiring. **World leaders have promised every child across the globe a quality education but a key piece of the puzzle is not in place - the money to pay for this education - leaving the global picture with 263 million children missing out on school.** If you are looking for a way to bring the issue of global education into the classroom in the meantime, then [check out the brand new resource from the Global Learning Partnership](#). A fantastic foundation for this year's Send My Friend campaign.

Fairtrade Fortnight School competition

Deadline for school entry
31 March 2017

Monday 27 February - Sunday 12 March

As you start planning for Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 why not think about entering our Fairtrade Fortnight School Competition, open to all Leicester City Schools.

You don't have to be a Fairtrade School to enter – we want to hear about events in any school.

After your event, you will need to provide a write up about what your school did and include evidence like photos.

- First prize £50 voucher
- Second prize £30 voucher
- Third prize £10 voucher

Entries will be judged on Impact, Imagination, Educational content and Relevance to the theme

For more information and to receive an application form please contact:

Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council
lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk 0116 454 2271



Prizes kindly donated by
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Central England Co-operative



90kg Rice Challenge

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global dimension topic 

The basic premise of the 90kg Rice Challenge is really very simple – your school has to sell 90kg of rice in order to send a Malawian rice farmer's child to secondary school for a year. That's it!

Why should we do the Rice Challenge?

Malawi, one of the world's least developed countries, has low life expectancy, high infant mortality and has been significantly affected by AIDS/HIV. Primary education is free but secondary education isn't and completing the 90kg Rice Challenge will enable a rice farmer to send one of his children to secondary school for a year. In addition to this, a proportion of the money raised from each Rice Challenge goes into a bursary fund for children who have been orphaned.

How does it work?

We order 90kgs of rice on your behalf and arrange for it to be delivered to you. You also receive a challenge pack containing loads of information and resources. We'll invoice you for £243 (£2.70 per bag) which means all the money you take from your sales stays with you; a recommended retail price of £2.95 per bag gives you an extra £22 for your group to use in whatever way you choose!



How to find out more

Just... The Fairtrade Shop

 www.justfairtrade.com

 www.facebook.com/justfairtrade

 www.twitter.com/justfairtrade

 justask@justfairtrade.com

Smoky Homes – Practical Action

Smoky Homes is an exciting NEW Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) project for primary aged pupils.

The project provides a real-life context for pupils to explore the health and environmental problems faced by the 3 billion people globally who cook on open fires or traditional cook stoves.

It can be used to deliver parts of the UK's Science and Design and Technology curriculum or an enrichment day.

The project offers opportunities for pupils to work in groups to:

- Engage with a range of images and videos that introduce the context and people of Nepal
- Design and model their ideas for improved cook stoves and/or stove hoods.

All the teaching and learning materials needed to run the project are free to [download](#).



How to find out more

Practical Action

 www.practicalaction.org/schools

 www.facebook.com/practicalaction

 www.twitter.com/practicalaction



Supports the Eco-Schools
global dimension topic

Grandparent Gardening Week



Taking place from 27th-31st March 2017, Grandparent Gardening Week aims to help schools get support from the local community to kick start their gardens into action after the winter.

Hosting gardening activities in school is a great way to reach out and engage grandparents, carers and local residents (including local allotment holders) in school activities, and to get your garden in tip top condition along the way!

Hosting a gardening activity

Identify a time during the week (even after school) to host your Grandparent Gardening Week activity. Ask your School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) to lead the activities, involving your school cook and DT lead. Ask what crops they would like to see grown, think about where they might plant them or how your school cook could use them in their recipes, linking the crops with the kitchen and classroom learning. Share ideas and plans across the school to involve everyone in the fun!

Garden Organic Growing resources

If you are enrolled on the Food for Life Awards Package there are plenty of expert growing resources available in your school portal, from how to plan your garden, through to seasonal planting guides and growing-related games and activities. This includes a pack of Garden Organic growing cards, with all the information you need to grow over 100 fruits and vegetables.

Thanking your volunteers

After all the hard work, why not treat guests to some school-made refreshments or even a school dinner. Could your Cooking Club help to prepare a homemade soup and some bread to nourish your team of gardeners?

Promoting your event

Food for Life have created some downloadable templates for you to use to promote your event. Click on the link opposite or follow the web address to download them.



How to find out more

Food for Life – Soil Association

www.foodforlife.org.uk/whats-happening/grandparent-gardening-week

www.facebook.com/SAfoodforlife

twitter.com/SAFoodforLife



Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living and school grounds topics

The pod Competition

We want young people to get creative and use their design and engineering skills – upcycling old gardening equipment and tools into something new!

The competition is open to all schools and groups that have [signed up to take part in Waste Week 2017](#). You can enter students as individuals, small teams or a whole class. The entry form will open from the 1st February 2017 until the competition closing date of midnight on the **10th March 2017**.

The finished object should be:

- Innovative and/ or easily replicated
- You should be able to clearly see what the item was made from
- Designed to last (otherwise it could end up in landfill anyway)
- Plus, please make sure that you consider health and safety.

There are two age categories: 4-11 years and 11-16 years. Each category has a top prize of £300, with runners up prizes of 2 x £100 and 4 x £50 (All prizes will be in the form of Amazon vouchers). Plus, each entry will be placed into a draw to win a gardening voucher.

From wellies to watering cans there are many items that can be upcycled – see on the right for some inspiration and start collecting your old tools and gardening equipment now!

To find out more details go to

<http://jointhepod.org/waste-week-2017>



Supports the Eco-Schools recycling topic

Chinese New Year 2017



Win £200 of Amazon vouchers for your school

Share your thoughts, and you could win £200 of [Amazon vouchers for your school](#).

Chinese New Year celebrations are on the 28 January 2017). For schools who are signed up then will have received a colourful printed copy of the British Council pack, complete with ideas for assemblies, lessons and activities to engage young learners aged 4-11 with Chinese language and culture.

Read your students a traditional Chinese folk tale and encourage them to try writing their own in English. Explore China's geography by mapping out the cuisines of the country's different regions. Or teach them how to express their likes and dislikes of different Chinese and Western foods in Mandarin Chinese. Download your free pack today from the [British Council portal](#)



The Bradgate Park Trust

The Bradgate Park Trust is looking to develop its Education Offer at Bradgate Park and are looking for teacher representatives to help them to develop their Education programme for KS1 and KS2, by sitting on a Teacher Advisory Panel.

They are hoping to get 4-5 representatives who will advise on the programme contents, be willing to test them out with students at Bradgate Park, and provide feedback. They aim to keep the time commitment to a minimum, and hope to keep any meetings to a minimum, but will be asking for reviewing modules within individual's time.

They are hoping to have the first meetings in early in 2017 with testing in the spring.

If you would like to find out more, or are interested in being on the panel please contact Nicole Garrett on 0116 236 2713 or email education@bradgatepark.org



How to find out more

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🌐 www.bradgatepark.org/



Supports the Eco-Schools Biodiversity topic

Stimulating visual materials aimed at children and young people to get them excited about water



Why download the pack?

Save yourself research and preparation time with our well-designed pack.

Get children excited about water, and reduce their consumption of packaged drinks, for a lifetime of better health.

Help your school become greener.

What's in the guide?

- Visual classroom resources
- Teachers notes with activities and extension work
- Fundraising guide to fund better fountains and bottles

Free download



Jerry Bottle is a social enterprise that sells beautiful steel water bottles to fund water projects around the world. We are an Eco-Schools partner helping schools become greener and healthier.

Go to jerrybottle.com/school/ to download the free resource and fantastic fundraising pack

East of England Agricultural Society Education Programme



Check out the video at youtu.be/wQfBB9T1zzc

How to find out more

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🐦 @KidsCountryUK

Now in its fifth year, Kids Country has established itself as an inspiring educational destination for teachers and educators looking for innovative ways to stimulate and inform their Key Stage 1 and 2 students.

Our exciting events run throughout the academic year, and we pride ourselves on delivering exceptional, hands-on learning experiences around food, farming and the countryside from our home at the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

All events incorporate elements of the national curriculum delivered by professionals in a fun and interactive environment.

Kids Country Programme 2017



Our Kids Country events are open to all schools in the East of England region, and must be booked through a teacher.

Breakfast Week — 23 to 27 January
We have lots of exciting activities planned for children to understand more about the most important meal of the day, and raise awareness of the health and nutritional benefits of breakfast.



Grow Your Own Potatoes - 8 March (two part event)
This spud spectacle allows children to plant their own seed potatoes and discuss how to look after them back at school. They will come back to harvest their crop later in the year.



Cubs & Scouts Day — 25 March
This event teaches a range of exciting and interactive rural skills, and helps children obtain skills for activity badges.



Happy Chicks Day - 3 May

This spring event allows children to learn all about chickens, hens and eggs. Science, nutrition and animal care are taught in a stimulating and hands-on environment.



Harvest Your Own Potatoes - 7 June (two part event)

The seeds that were planted at the earlier event will be harvested and weighed. Potato dishes will be made and farm machinery demonstrated.



Food and Farming Day - 30 June

A day of pure celebration at the Showground. There will be over 100 exhibitors and interactive workshops from key members of the food and farming industry, offering a unique learning opportunity.



Bee Observatory Visits—May to July

In partnership with Central England Co-op and Peterborough and District Beekeepers Association, children can see and learn all about the world of bees.



Autumn Show - 8 October

Expect to see animals of all shapes and sizes, country crafts and magnificent livestock exhibitions. The Kids Country team will be getting creative with an interactive cookery class for all ages.



Book your place now...

6,000 spaces
£2 per child



Book now
to avoid
disappointment
01733 363514

Food & Farming Day

Friday 30 June 2017

East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE



"The huge number and variety of the different things was amazing;
One of our best school visits we have taken pupils to."
- Alameda Middle School

What's On Offer?

The Kids Country Food & Farming Day aims to teach children where food comes from and the importance of agriculture and the countryside, through interactive learning experiences
Just £2 per child



"There were many different activities for the children and staff to partake in, which considered all age groups and learning styles."
- St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

🔊 Huge range of activities designed to ensure a fun and interactive learning experience

🔊 Hands-on demonstrations and talks from leading industry suppliers and experts in the field

🔊 Children can engage with livestock, learn new skills and understand the farm to fork adventure

🔊 Exciting competitions to enter

🔊 Event incorporates key elements of the national curriculum for key stages 1, 2 and 3

🔊 Associated project work is available for classroom preparation and follow up



Book now to avoid disappointment!

Email: slauridsen@eastofengland.org.uk Tel: 01733 363514

Forest Schools Networking - Leicester



Venue

Environmental Studies
Unit 12b Faircharm Industrial Estate
Evelyn Drive
Leicester
LE3 2BU

We will be getting the new year off to a fine start with a meeting in **Leicester at the premises of Environmental Studies**. It is a **twilight session on Wed 1 February 2017 from 4 until 6.00pm**.

In the first half hour we will have a short planning meeting and use the opportunity for networking. At 4.30 Bethan Painter will give a brief explanation of the work Environmental Studies do.

She will follow this with a session on using natural objects and the forest environment to create new stories with children. A great opportunity to pick up new ideas and share your ideas.

If you are interested in attending please contact Cath Thompson nottsleicsfen@outlook.com



Africa's Gift Shoes for Africa Money for you!

Solve the perennial headache of non-uniform days, raise funds for your school and help a Yorkshire charity 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 **40p per kilogram** for reusable shoes, and then transport them to Africa, where they are introduced into the 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, tied and together...**

Book a date to make your feet happy!

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

Find out more at www.africagift.org

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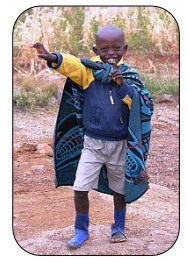
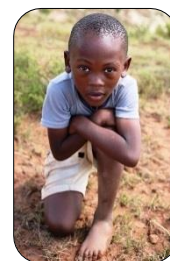
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The next Leicester date is **Friday 10 February 2017**
Email or phone today to book your collection

LESS

Low Energy Sustainable Schools



Supports the Eco-Schools
energy topic



How does LESS CO2 work?

Staff receive expert advice and resources at four half-day workshops spread across a year. You work with up to 15 local schools in a cluster. Between workshops you will put your newfound knowledge to good use to reduce your energy use (and bills!). All schools are also supported with mentoring from Ashden Award-winning schools.

Some clusters are supported by their local authority, others are sponsored by corporate or charity funding. This programme is available **FREE** to all UK schools.

What are the benefits?

First and foremost you will save energy in your school, cutting both costs and carbon emissions. You will also be inspiring students to create solutions and educating future leaders about sustainability, as well as engaging colleagues in improving the school environment. Schools that complete the programme become LESS CO2 accredited schools.

“The programme fired up the whole school to reduce CO2 emissions. The staff who attended were inspired and brought that inspiration back to school to invigorate the whole school community.”

Ann Gunn - Head teacher, St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School –Surrey

What do we cover?

You will get practical hands-on support to help you make changes in your school to reduce your energy bills AND your carbon emissions.

Discover how to:

- manage energy use in school buildings: heating and lighting.
- engage with staff and students: pupil power is a fantastic resource.
- use sustainability in teaching: learning about energy in a local and global context.

What are our results?

Schools that have taken part in the LESS CO2 programme have gone on to save an average of £2,600 and 10 tonnes of carbon each year.

150+ schools have completed the programme, and we will work with 3,000 UK schools over the next 5 years.



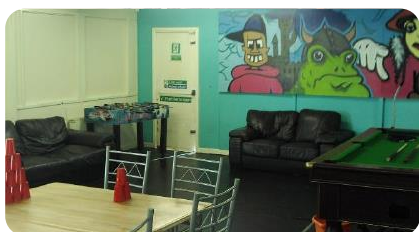
84% say that LESS CO2 has helped them to reduce energy use in their school.

How do I join?

To find out more about LESS CO2 please visit www.ashden.org/apply/schools or contact alex.green@ashden.org

Following two very successful clusters in Leicester over the last year, Leicester City Council is supporting Ashden to recruit further schools who would like to participate in this exciting programme in Leicester. Please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator for further details about the Leicester school clusters. We will be running one single cluster of primary and secondary schools. The first half-day meeting will take place on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at Sandfield Close Primary School.

National Citizenship Service - Leicester



National Citizen Service (NCS) is a programme for all 16 and 17 year olds in the UK. It aims to help young people develop into good local citizens, by taking them through several phases of personal and team development. NCS believes in the power of young people to change the world if only given the tools and opportunity. NCS supports the transition to adult life by developing the strength of character and life skills which enable young people to contribute to society with purpose and integrity. Over the last 4 years, young people on NCS with LEBC have completed **volunteering hours totalling an equivalent of over 15.6 years, without sleep and have raised over £93,000 for local charities and organisations.**

The young people are split into teams of up to 15 young people, and assigned a trained adult mentor who goes through the whole programme with them. Teams then take part in the following phases:

- Adventure Residential
- Skills Development
- Social Action
- Celebration

Social action projects are projects based within the local community and can vary from revamping community spaces, to fundraising for local charities to campaigning on important social issues. Last year schools in Leicester hosted an NCS group to carry out a project in their school which were very successful.

For Summer 2017 we are looking for hands on projects as well as those that are just fundraising. As I am sure you can imagine across the Summer we will have a lot of young people out and about fundraising and would love to have more some hands on projects where teams can leave a lasting legacy.

To find out more and apply to host a group please contact Hannah Walsh.



How to find out more

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Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Documentary Competition

The UK branch of the international environmental charity the Jane Goodall Institute, under their education programme Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, is inviting submissions for an exciting documentary film competition, run in conjunction with natural history documentary screening app Love Nature. Find out all about the competition online at video.lovenature.com

This is a great opportunity for film and documentary students to showcase their talents, win the chance to have their short film broadcast worldwide and join a documentary film crew on a shoot in Canada, all expenses paid.

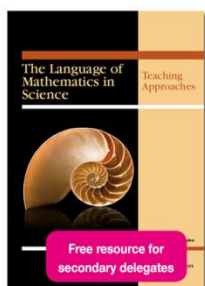
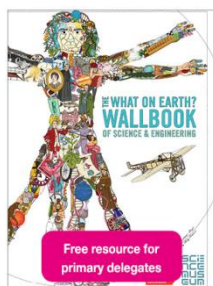
The competition is open to any person currently studying at a higher education institution, and the deadline for submitting films for consideration is the **1st February 2017**. The competition is also available to high school students age 15, 16 and above.

The prize

- The overall winner from the UK will win a week-long trip to Canada to join a Love Nature film crew on a production shoot. The prize includes an economy class return flight from the UK to Canada, transfers to the shoot location, 6 nights accommodation and any expenses relating to the trip.
- Each of the two runners up will receive a 6-month subscription to Love Nature, free of charge.



ASE Conference: Real Scientists, Real Science, Real Jobs



This year's regional conference takes place in Loughborough on Saturday 18 March 2017, 9.30am-1pm.

Cost effective science CPD - The theme of this conference is 'Real Science, Real Scientists and Real Jobs – how to build STEM into your existing science curriculum'. Join us for workshops catered for both primary and secondary teachers at this half-day STEM conference. Registration includes free resources to take-away.

Contact Tanya Dempster tanyadempster@ase.org.uk

www.ase.org.uk/conferences/real-science

Free training and Food for Life events January - March 2017



Your school can take advantage of a free package of support thanks to a commission from Leicester City Council's Public Health Team.

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| <p>Mid day supervisors. Their new role with Ofsted and Food for Life.</p> <p>Wednesday 18th January 2017 Time to be Confirmed</p> | <p>Having completed this course you will:</p> <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 Food for Life 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. <p>Venue tbc. This training can be delivered directly to all of your midday supervisors. Contact Lisa Didier for further details.</p> |
| <p>In-House Cooks Network Meeting</p> <p>7th February 2017</p> <p>Both sessions between 2pm and 4 pm.</p> | <p>These informal meetings will be an opportunity for open discussion and networking with fellow school cooks and catering managers.</p> <p>Hosted by the Food for Life team we will be exploring the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menus – Sharing best practice and what works well. • Recipes – We will aim to produce a Leicestershire Schools cookbook. • Training – What skills would we like to develop? Can we arrange it as a group? • Suppliers – We can talk about bargains, customer service, what we struggle to get hold of and how we can work together to improve things. <p>At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE. Includes a delicious afternoon tea</p> |
| <p>Ideas Factory</p> <p>Wednesday 8th February 3.30 - 5.30</p> | <p>This twilight session gives teachers and support staff the chance to get together informally after school and share ideas about positive food culture in their schools. The sessions have been designed to help you deliver Food for Life and build networks beyond your school. Delegates will also get the opportunity to explore a range of Food for Life resources and will be treated to a delicious afternoon tea.</p> <p>At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE. Includes a delicious afternoon tea.</p> |
| <p>Growing for a School Farmers Market</p> <p>Monday 20th February. 9.30-3.30</p> | <p>This course will equip you with the knowledge you need to start organic food growing in your school, using 'own-grown' produce as a means to supply your School Farmers Market. You will plan what you need to grow and get ideas for how you can tie this in with enterprise activities along the way to raise funds for your market.</p> <p>Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5JJ</p> |



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Farm Links and Keeping Chickens in school

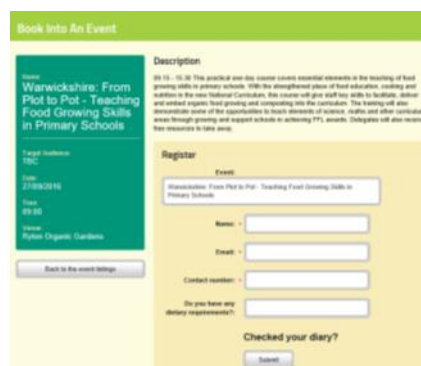
Wednesday March 1st. 2017 9.30-3.30

This one day training is an exciting farm-based training day to explore the links between food and farming and the curriculum, and to help bring your curriculum to life with practical classroom and farm-based activities. There will be opportunities to learn about the practicalities of setting up a farm link and time to plan farm visits into your curriculum. During this day we will also explore the practicalities of keeping chickens at school. Roots Farm currently have chickens on site and so you will see in practical terms what this entails.

At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE.

Registering your attendance couldn't be easier. Here are our simple steps:

1. Speak to your school's Food for Life lead for the email address and password.
2. Visit your online Food for Life portal at <http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/signin> and log in
3. If you have not signed up to Food for Life, in Leicestershire you can sign up for free through our [website](#).
5. Once on your portal go to your **Events** page and filter events by region, all Leicester City events will be listed under East Midlands.
6. Click on the training or event that you would like to attend and check the details and description
7. Register your details.
8. Submit



How to find out more

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