



Leicester news

July 2017

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 late July Leicester Eco-Schools newsletter. A huge congratulations to so many schools who have received their bronze, silver and Green Flag Eco-Schools awards this term. It's been a busy one! Hot off the press we have just had 3 schools awarded their green flag - so an extra well done! This term has also been very busy with the Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration as well as the Global Goals showcase at City Hall and then in the Highcross Shopping Centre during half term. Many people had the opportunity to see the fantastic work which is taking place in our schools and raising the profiles of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. I'm already busy booking dates for the autumn term roadshows, #EcoTeachMeets and training for school staff and for governors.

As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.



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Overdale Infant School, Bridge Junior School & Christ the King Catholic Primary School. Photos from our 2017 Eco-Schools & Food for Life Celebration, more photos available [online](#)

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.

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 1 September 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 April 2017

Recently registered or re-engaged
Hamilton Community College
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Wolsey House Primary School
Wyvern Primary School

Bronze Award

Braunstone Frith Primary School
Caldecote Primary School
Charnwood Primary School
Folville Junior School
Humberstone Junior School
King Richard III Infant School
Rolleston Primary School
Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
Shaftesbury Junior School

Silver Award

Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Folville Junior School
Hazel Community Primary School
Highfields Primary School
Humberstone Junior School
Madani Boys School
Madani Girls School
Rolleston Primary School
Rushey Mead Academy
Rushey Mead Primary School
Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
Shaftesbury Junior School

Green Flag

Bridge Junior School
Rushey Mead Academy
Sparkenhoe Community Primary School

Eco-Schools Award changes

- Check out later in the newsletter for changes to the Eco-Schools award from September 2017



Fairtrade Schools Winners



Prizes kindly donated by

The co-operative

Central England Co-operative



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global dimension topic*

Congratulations to Medway Primary who were the winners of the Leicester Fairtrade Schools competition back in March 2017. Second place was Sir Jonathan North and third was Scraftoft Valley Primary. Well done to all the schools who entered and thank you to the Central England Co-operative for the gift voucher prizes.

To top this, Sir Jonathan North won the national Fairtrade Schools competition for Secondary Schools. Medway Primary also received a special mention for their innovative curriculum work. Further information available online at schools.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight-award-winners-2017

National Smile Month 2017

National Smile Month 2017 ran from 15 May – 15 June and we would love to thank everyone who took part in our launch that saw over 50 schools and early years settings carrying out synchronised tooth brushing at 11am on the 15 May.

During the month the team also travelled around the city for 'Lift the Lip' clinics, giving parents and carers advice on how to check for decay and improve their child's oral health. Visit our website for advice and guidance, as well as downloadable materials for you to use. www.leicester.gov.uk/healthyteethhappysmiles

However it is never too late to get involved, as our supervised tooth brushing programme runs all year round for under 5s, and we provide all the training and resources you would need for free! Just get in touch at healthyteethhappysmiles@leicester.gov.uk for more information and to arrange your training.



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healthy living topic*

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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Woodland Trust



Supports the Eco-Schools school
grounds and biodiversity topics



DEFRA is working in partnership with the Woodland Trust to offer free trees to state-funded primary schools in England.

Trees create inspiring learning spaces as well as natural, sustainable, and dynamic outdoor classrooms. They give children the chance to connect with nature and create something beautiful for future generations.

You can receive **FREE** packs of tree saplings to plant at your school or on nearby land in autumn 2017. Packs come in varying sizes: a small pack containing 30 tree saplings, a medium pack with 105 trees and a large pack with 420 saplings. To apply for free trees visit woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees

How to find out more

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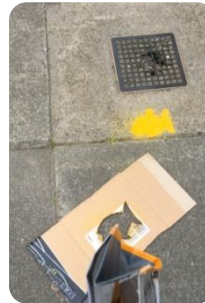


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TRUST

Yellow Fish Campaign at Braunstone Frith Primary



Braunstone Frith Primary recently ran an eco-day to raise the awareness of environmental issues and their work on Eco-Schools, in particular looking at pollution and waste. During the day children learned about recycling and also the Yellow Fish campaign which is an Environmental Agency campaign to raise awareness of only water down the outside drain. Students were also thinking about what should go down the drain and what shouldn't. Then the students took home a poster to explain to their parents about only water down the drain. Finally, some of the Eco-team sprayed yellow fish next to drains to raise awareness in the playground. What a great day!



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Rainwater Garden at Mayflower



On the 28 March Trent Rivers Trust, through the Soar Catchment Project, with help from Peter Flavel and Vicky Salloway from Leicester City Council, installed two Rainwater Gardens at Mayflower Primary School. These planters contain a large plastic tank containing 2/3 gravel and 1/3 soil separated by a membrane. The soil and gravel clean and store the rainwater with most of it being used by the plants but any excess during heavy rainfall can flow into the original storm drain, after being cleaned by the soil and gravel. The children have planted the boxes with vegetables tolerant of damp conditions, various types of cabbage, lettuce and herbs. The children discussed the project on BBC Radio Leicester on Friday 7th April, in the 'What We Learnt' section of the morning broadcast. For more information visit <http://mayflower.j2webby.com/?p=11729>



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**Leicestershire
& Rutland**
Wildlife Trust

Wild about Nature Pack and outdoor learning day



The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust have produced a fantastic curriculum-linked teacher's pack which is designed to support and encourage teachers to take their lessons outdoors. **Wild About Learning** consists of 2 hour numeracy and literacy lesson plans for each KS1 and KS2 year group, plus links to other packs and resources.

Lesson plans have been designed to:

- Work in any school grounds
- Use commonly found natural materials
- Need minimum preparation time

The pack was recently launched at the Botanical Gardens on an outdoor learning day which was attended by over 25 school staff. The outdoor learning day which was run in partnership with Leicester Environmental Education also gave staff the opportunity to use 3 citizen science experiments from Earthwatch and find out about Polar Explorers which Sandfield Close have been working on. **You can download your own Wild About Learning pack [here](#)**

How to find out more

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school grounds topic



Send my Friend to School

Send My Friend to School brings together thousands of children across the UK to speak up for the right to education, and remind world leaders of their promise that all children should get the chance to go to school.

You can join the campaign by [filling out this form](#). You will receive a free teacher's pack with everything needed to get your class involved – including case studies, campaign films and activity sheets.



How to find out more

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GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR
EDUCATION UK



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Africa's Gift Shoes for Africa Money for you!

Solve the perennial headache of non-uniform days, raise funds for your school and help support a 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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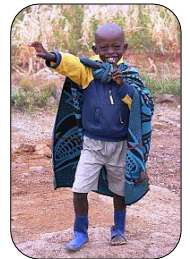
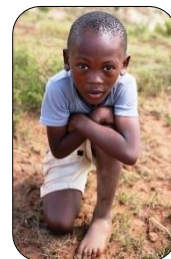
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The next Leicester date is **Thursday 21 September 2017**
Email or phone today to book your collection



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Physical Geography Fieldwork Day for A Level, University of Derby

The University of Derby, in partnership with the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) are running a Physical Geography Fieldwork Day for geography teachers, aiming to support the provision of local fieldwork and to introduce different fieldwork techniques. The day will include a strong focus on map work and map reading, and will introduce teachers to taster-projects that could be used to generate data for further analysis in the classroom.

The fieldwork day will take place in the Burbage area of the Peak District, and will be free of charge.

Date: Saturday 23 September 2017

Time: 9.00am-4.00pm

Location: Burbage, Peak District

Cost: Free

Booking is essential. Please email Maryam at m.sdraper@rgs.org for further details and to reserve your place



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**Royal
Geographical
Society**
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning



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Calling all energy savers!



EDUCATION

The pod is offering you an [early bird invitation](#) to take part in Switch Off Fortnight from **20 November – 3 December 2017**. [Sign up to the campaign](#) to secure your school a free energy-saving resource pack (containing stickers, posters and certificates)* and to be first in line to receive updates on this year's campaign.

[Switch Off Fortnight](#) is a great opportunity to learn about energy as part of the science curriculum, focus the whole school on a topic and save money on your energy bills.

It's a fun and easy campaign to get involved in, and you'll be joining thousands of other schools around the country (even the world!) in learning about saving energy.

Reserve your pack now by clicking [this link](#)



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*Packs are reserved on a first come, first served basis, and will be sent out from September.

Global Goals showcase and pop-up event



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

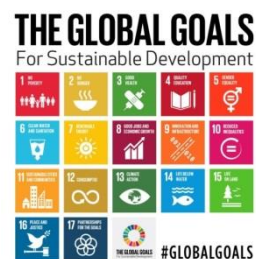
The Global Goals for Sustainable Development are a 15 year plan delivered by the United Nations. They are challenging and depend on individuals, organisations and countries working together to achieve them.

On **Wednesday 17 May 2017** Leicester City Council's Environment Team held a schools' Global Goals celebration at City Hall, Leicester. Schools from across the city showcased work which supports the Global Goals. Showcased work then appeared in the WotSpace in the **Highcross Shopping Centre** throughout **May half-term**.



The following schools participated in the event:

- Avenue Primary School
- St Paul's Secondary Catholic School
- Kestrels' Field Primary School
- Sandfield Close Primary School
- Inglehurst Junior School
- Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
- Madani Girls School
- Medway Community Primary School
- Belgrave St Peters Primary School
- Christ the King Catholic School
- Glebelands Primary School
- Mayflower Primary School
- 8 Schools in the BioBlitz project
- More than 10 schools that have taken part in the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust project
- More than 10 schools that were taking part of the Children's Council recycling competition



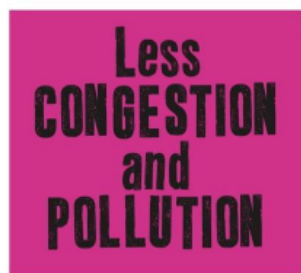
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Join WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge for primary schools



Your school has the opportunity to be part of an exciting project to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. The project will run across Leicester in the 2017/18 academic year and includes free resources worth £500.

The project is being delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, in association with Leicester City Council and funded by the Department for Transport.



The main element of the project is participation in WOW – our year-round walk to school challenge, which rewards children who walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school at least once a week with a monthly badge.

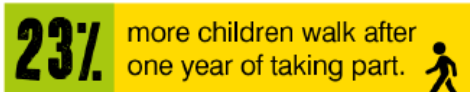
There are 11 badges to collect across the year and daily journeys are logged by pupils on our interactive Travel Tracker accessed through the schools computer or whiteboard (see overleaf). It takes just a few minutes of a teacher's day to run and pupils can help too.

WOW directly supports Eco-Schools and Healthy Schools awards, Modeshift STARS accreditation and your school travel plan.

As Living Streets' Project Coordinator for Leicester, I will be your main point of contact for the project and be on hand to support you throughout the year – whether you need assemblies, parent letters, or training for staff and pupils helping to run WOW in your school.

Due to the limited number of schools that can be included this year, we are offering this project on a **first-come-first-served** basis. We hope your school can join us to make walking the natural choice and part of every child's daily routine.

I'd be happy to visit you to show you the resources and discuss how the scheme can work best in your school.



How to find out more

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TRAVEL TRACKER

Travel Tracker is used by schools participating in WOW – our year-round walk to school challenge, to record daily pupil journeys.

Combined with our monthly badges, it forms a complete monitoring and rewards system.



HOW IT WORKS

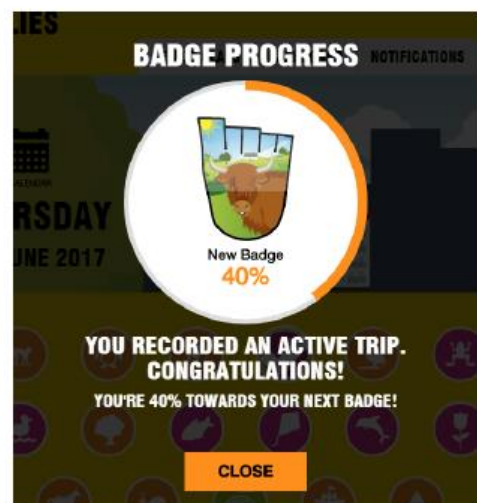
- Pupils record their travel each day on a class PC, iPad or whiteboard.
- Teachers and pupils can see the day-to-day achievements of their class and see which classes are leading the way.
- At the end of each month, easily see which pupils have earned a badge.
- Run reports to see travel habits at a school or year group level; use the data in lessons, as evidence for Eco-Schools or Modeshift awards, or to inform your School Travel Plan.

REASONS TO USE TRAVEL TRACKER

- It's a handy, green alternative to monthly paper WOW wall charts.
- It makes it easier to run WOW and give out badges.
- It's a brilliant live data source to track progress and promote success.

TRAVEL TRACKER UPDATES FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

- Initials or short names can be added alongside icons to help identify pupils.
- Printable class lists of the icons and associated short names/initials.
- Changing monthly background to match that month's badge theme.



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Ashden Less CO₂ programme



Would you like to join the fastest growing school energy programme in the UK?

We are working in partnership with Bank of America Merrill Lynch to provide this programme **free** to all schools across the UK.

Schools who have completed the LESS CO₂ programme, over one year, saved an average of 10 tonnes of CO₂ and £2,650 on their energy bills.

A recent LESS CO₂ school said that *“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.”*

The **LESS CO₂ programme** is a free programme supporting schools across the UK to reduce their energy use, engage with their staff and students about energy, and teach about sustainability. LESS CO₂ is run by [Ashden](#), a charity that champions and supports leaders in sustainable energy to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon world.

Staff from schools taking part in the programme attend **4 half-day workshops** spread across a year, each covering a different aspect of energy saving at your school.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more and sign up! <http://www.lessco2.org.uk/>

If you have any questions please get in touch! We look forward to working with you in the future.

In Leicester nearly 30 schools have already participated in the programme. Your local contact is Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator who can support on the project and will be attending the meetings. Lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk



Are you a council working to reduce the energy use in your school estate? Want to engage and enthuse schools in your area about energy saving? Then talk to the LESS CO₂ team to see what we can do for you.

Schools that have taken part in the LESS CO₂ programme have gone on to save an



How to find out more

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energy topic**



Important Changes to the Eco-Schools Award



Changes to the Eco-Schools awards and Green Flag from September 2017

Although the Eco-Schools programme is student led, Eco-Schools acknowledge that it must be 'teacher friendly' too. So they will be making some changes to the Eco-Schools awards and applications from September to make life easier for you, our Eco-Coordinators.

- **Bronze Award:** Eco-Committee, Environmental Review and Action Plan only
 - **Silver Award:** As Bronze award, plus Curriculum links, monitoring and evaluation
 - **Green Flag Award:** As Silver award, plus an Eco-Code which embraces your Eco-Schools topic work.
- New, shorter and easier online Green Flag Application. We will never ask you to work on more than five topics at one time. It is now three topics for 1st Green Flag and then five topics for all subsequent Green Flags, rotating two topics for each renewal.

The **nine topics** will remain the same, but the Energy topic and supplying them your DEC are now optional. These changes will not alter the structure of your Green Flag visit.

Enhancements to the Eco-Schools programme from September 2017

- New **Eco-Coordinator training** 'How to become a successful Eco-School'
- An optional **international Eco-Schools twinning** for our Green Flag Eco-Schools
- The Eco-Schools **Hall of Fame** will celebrate our longest standing Eco-Schools, our dedicated Green Flag Assessors and exceptional Eco-Coordinators or amazing Eco-Committees who have gone above and beyond. This initiative will replace our Eco-School Ambassador status and schools will not have to fill in any additional applications.

Stories of Climate Change and Migration



To support Refugee Week 2017, Leicester Friends of the Earth, Global Justice Now and Leicester City Council were pleased to host an informative evening addressing the impact of climate change on refugees from around the world.

The event aimed to highlight the link between the on going climate change phenomena and global refugees.

We were pleased to highlight the work that Glebelands Primary School and Humberstone Junior Academy who have participated in raising awareness of the Refugee Crisis



For more information visit the [schools extranet](#)

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global Learning topic



Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration



On June 28th 2017 we celebrated the hard work of schools in Leicester at our joint Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration in City Hall. We warmly welcomed 15 schools along with over 30 guest judges including 6 City Councillors and representatives from many local and national environmental organisations. The event was an opportunity for schools to showcase projects which have taken place over the last 12 months.

Activities came from a wide selection of project ideas including recycling, extinction, the refugee crisis, biodiversity and tree planting. Judges commented again how difficult it was to pick winners with such enthusiastic students and staff. Following the more formal judging, students were given the opportunity to judge the other schools' stalls and pick their Eco-Factor. Prizes were kindly announced and awarded by Cllr Rory Palmer, Deputy City Mayor & Cllr Adam Clarke, Assistant Mayor for Energy and Sustainability. For further information about any of the projects please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator, Leicester City Council 0116 454 2271 lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk



The winners were:

- **Registered Eco-Schools award winner**
Humberstone Junior Academy
- **Bronze Eco-Schools award winner** – Hazel Primary Community School
- **Silver Eco-Schools award winner** - Bridge Junior School
- **Green Flag Eco-Schools award winner** - Mayflower Primary School
- **Food for Life award winner** – Bridge Junior School
- **Judges' special award** – Humberstone Junior Academy
- **Eco-factor winner** – Bridge Junior School

Thank you to the school who attended:

- Avenue Primary School
- Hazel Community Primary School
- Bridge Junior School
- Mayflower Primary
- Sandfield Close Primary School
- Humberstone Junior Academy
- Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School
- Willowbank Children's Hospital School
- Rushey Mead Academy
- Kestrels' Fields Primary
- Overdale Infant School
- Christ the King Catholic Primary School
- Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
- Rolleston Primary School
- Overdale Junior School



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Award for Registered Eco-School Humberstone Junior Academy



Eco-Schools Project: Refugee Project – In this project, the children learnt about refugees; who they are, where they come from and why they want to flee their countries. The children spoke to some refugees and heard their stories. The children decided to raise awareness about this current issue as well as raise money for a local charity called One Nation by holding a tea party at school. The children presented their learning at Wot Space in the Highcross and spoke to members of the public about the refugee crisis and encouraged people to leave messages of support.



Eco-School Project: Extinction Project – In this project, the big theme was spreading awareness of animals that are becoming extinct. The children focused on – tigers, elephants and pangolins. They studied these animals in depth and spoke publicly about the cruelty happening to these animals. The children also learnt that they can use art to send messages and raise awareness of a certain topic. The children looked at campaign art for animal charities and Banksy to inspire them.



Award for Bronze Eco-School Hazel Community Primary School

Eco-Schools Project: We have been building a bug hotel to encourage wildlife in the school grounds and have been reorganising and replanting our playground planters to cater for biodiversity and healthy living. It is our intention to further encourage wildlife into the school grounds and plant seeds to grow food to cook in our DT kitchen.





Award for Silver Eco-Schools Bridge Junior School



Eco-School Project: Bridge Junior School showcased the Eco project 'Creating Eco Citizens of Conscience' which centres on reducing, reusing and recycling throughout the whole school. This includes saving energy, reusing plastic and recycling waste.

Award for Green Flag Eco-School Mayflower Primary School



Eco Schools Project: Mayflower have been focusing a lot on water this year! There were two elements to our project: The first was a whole school fundraising initiative to raise money for the Penny Relief Thirst Appeal charity which builds wells in developing communities around the world. They raised enough money to build three wells.

We also worked with Felicity Roos from the Soar Valley River Catchment Partnership to learn about flood prevention and to build our very own rainwater garden in school.



Awards for Food for Life Bridge Junior School



Food for Life Project: Our Food for Life project showcases how we have integrated and adopted a whole school approach to Food for Life at Bridge Junior School. This includes incorporating cooking, growing and healthy living into the curriculum. We shared the journey the school has taken to achieve this.



Judges' Special Award Humberstone Junior School

Humberstone Junior Academy were successful in achieving the Judges' Special Awards. Judges commented that both projects were very innovative and creative. It seemed to have a big impact on the pupils. Both projects were presented well, both by the staff and pupils who explained what they did, Their focus on refugees is very important and with so much negative attitudes in the media, this has really helped the children understand how the terrible lives people have led have forced them to become refugees and Global awareness was fantastic – both the refugee and extinction project



Eco-Factor Award Bridge Junior School



Bridge Junior School received the most votes in the Eco-Factor Award. The students were very impressed with the many projects. The children were well informed and passionate about their activity across the school. There was lots of evidence that food growing by the children is being used in the school kitchen and to sell to the wider community. Farm visits and links with a supermarket underpin the whole school approach. Fantastic recycling and reaching out to other countries is part of this as well as seeing the impact of recycling book donations on children in different countries.

Some comments from our judges:

"The children have really impressed me with their enthusiasm and knowledge."

"I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and passion shown by the students today. Very impressed with all the work schools have put into their projects. Great to see everyone so interested in food and where it's come from!"

"Fantastic effort from all schools. The students were so articulate and passionate about their projects. Inspiring stuff!"

"All students gave excellent presentations and had great understanding of the work they were doing."

"Very difficult to judge – some interesting stuff"



Congratulations to all those who attended the Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration event! To view all the photos check out the [extranet](#).



Supports all of the Eco-Schools awards as part of your evidence

Children's Council recycling competition winners



This year we have been working with the Children's Council, a group of students working to help improve Leicester. The Children's Council decided they wanted to raised awareness of recycling. They did this through a primary school poster competition. The shortlisted winners and their schools were then invited to a prestigious evening at City Hall where awards were presented by the recently appointed Lord Mayor of Leicester. Well done to all those who participated.



The schools who participated were:

- Bridge Junior School
- Coleman Primary School
- Glebelands Primary School
- Mayflower Primary School
- Rowlatts Hill Primary School
- Woodstock Primary School
- Christ the King Primary School
- Humberstone Junior Academy
- Inglehurst Junior School
- Mellor Primary School
- Overdale Infant School
- Overdale Junior School
- Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy
- Children's Hospital School

RECYCLE MORE

Recycle
reuse
reduce



Supports the Eco-Schools waste topic



Silver Eco-Schools and successful grant application at Rushey Mead Primary

Congratulations to Rushey Mead Primary School who recently achieved their silver Eco-Schools award and were successful in their bid for the Local School Nature Grants Scheme from Learning Through Landscapes. They have received £500 worth of equipment and 2 hours of staff training to help them develop outdoor learning in their school. For more information and to apply for the grant follow the [link](#) or search Learning through Landscapes Nature Grants (next deadlines 15 September, 20 October, 1 December 2017).



Eco-Code and display boards

This term we are lucky enough to share three eco noticeboards and an Eco-code! Thank you to Bridge Juniors, Rushey Mead Academy and Sparkenhoe Primary for sharing their noticeboards and Eco-codes. The noticeboard is a great way to share what you are doing in school, make sure it includes your review, action plan and who's in the eco-team.

Rushey Mead Eco Code

We will:

- R**educe, **R**e-use, **R**ecycle
- E**veryone is Eco-friendly
- S**ave energy by switching OFF
- P**rotect the Earth
- E**veryone helps make a difference
- C**lean up your rubbish
- T**ogether we can make a difference



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Grow your Grub Winners!



Judging of this year's "Grow Your Grub" competition has now finished and the judges managed to see all of the gardens in glorious sunshine (which makes a change)! Once again the judges were extremely impressed with the quality of gardens visited and appreciate the hard work and efforts put in by teachers and children alike. The judges have come to a decision and have decided to select **Mayflower Primary School** as overall winner for 2017. Despite winning the competition for the previous two years, Mayflower have continued to improve and have added new features into their garden. However, they consider all of the entries to be winners in their own right and would like to recognise their achievements.

Bronze award

Scraftoft Valley Primary School
Rolleston Primary School
Bridge Junior School

Silver award

Mellor Community Primary School
Sandfield Close Primary School
Braunstone Frith Primary School

Gold award

King Richard III Infant
Mayflower (winner)
Dovelands Primary School



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Funding opportunities

Funding for Community Energy Projects (UK)

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations can apply for grants of between £50 and £2,000 to a new fund launched by energy supplier E. On. The Energising Communities Fund will provide grants to help communities better manage their energy consumption. This can include a range of energy related improvements and activities including solar-powered energy; energy-saving training; draught exclusion; energy efficiency events; sustainable energy workshops; or energy education.

Joint applications with Local Authorities will be considered, although the charity, school or community organisation must be leading the project

The closing date for applications is the 7th August 2017 at midnight.

<https://www.eonenergy.com/about-eon/community/energising-communities-fund>

British Ecological Society Outreach Grants (UK)

The British Ecological Society has announced that its Outreach Grants programme will re-open for applications in July 2017.

Through the programme, individuals and organisations such as schools, museums, libraries and community groups will be able to apply for grants to promote ecological science to a wide audience. The funding is available for projects that increase public understanding of, and engagement with ecology. Applications from museums and schools are welcome but projects must involve significant outreach beyond schools. Projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children will not be considered. The maximum award is £2,000. However, the award may be used as part-funding for larger projects involving other sponsors.

<http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/funding/outreach-grants/>

'Mealbarrow' at Gardeners World Live!



Congratulations to Sandfield Close Primary School, Scraftoft Valley Primary School and Rolleston Primary School who recently showcased their 'mealbarrows' at Gardeners World Live in Birmingham! The challenge was to produce a meal which would grow in a wheelbarrow! What a great idea and maybe something for Leicester next year?!



Left: Sandfield Close Primary School

Middle: Rolleston Primary School

Right: Scraftoft Valley Primary School



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Oven gloves off for primary school cooking contest



Congratulations to Sophia Greenwood and Faith Spooner, both in Year 4 at Scraftoft Valley Primary, who cooked up a tasty two-course menu to win Leicester's first Primary Chef of the Year competition. The girls are pictured with their winning dessert: strawberry cheesecake with raspberry coulis.

Cooking in pairs, and supported by a helper from their school, primary children had just 90 minutes to prepare their menu under competition conditions. Six schools – Christ The King Catholic Primary, Overdale Primary, Scraftoft Valley Primary, Sandfield Close Primary, Bridge Junior and Mayflower Primary – took part in the competition, with all the students coming from years 4, 5 and 6. The young chefs behind the winning menu received a trophy and will see their dishes served at primary schools throughout Leicester.



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