



# Leicester news

## September 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 September Leicester Eco-Schools newsletter.

Last term was amazingly busy with so many Green Flag, Bronze and Silver Eco-School Awards. We now have 63 Bronze Awards, 34 Silver Awards and 10 Green Flag Schools in Leicester. This year the target is to have over 100 registered schools, 75 bronze awards, 60 silver awards and at least 18 Green Flag Schools. In this edition you will find dates for the whole academic year. There will be training for governors, an update from Environmental Education for teachers as well as dates for the #EcoTeachMeets and celebration event taking place in June 2018! All schools will soon be receiving an email as a reminder of where they are on the Eco-Schools programme and where they could be by the end of the academic year. **As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.**



### How to find out more

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Outdoor learning training which took place at Merrydale Junior School in August 2017

**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](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/register)

There are 3 levels of award: Bronze, Silver and Green Flag which were **recently updated in September 2017**.

At **Bronze** level your school has set up an Eco-committee, carried out a review, created an action plan for one topic and shared this with the whole school.

At **Silver** level your school has done the above plus involved the whole school and wider community and carried out monitoring and evaluation for one in-depth piece of work on one of the nine topics. You have also identified where environmental issues are covered in the curriculum.

At **Green Flag Award** status, your school has done all of the above plus carried out in-depth project work for three of the nine topics and developed an Eco-Code which reflects the topics you have worked on.

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



## 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 the 12th January 2018. 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](mailto:eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk)

Since July 2017

### Recently registered or re-engaged

- Coleman Primary School
- Catherine Infant School

### Bronze Award

- Overdale Infant School

### Silver Award

- Glebelands Primary School



These amazing photos are from Mayflower Primary and their mindfulness garden which is being built by the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust

# Eco-School awards in Leicester

Congratulations to all the schools who have achieved Eco-Schools Awards. Below are all the schools who are at bronze, silver or Green Flag. If you would like contact details of your nearest schools, please let Lee know.

## Bronze Award

ALP Leicester

Belgrave St Peter's C.E. (VA) Primary School

Braunstone Frith Primary School

Caldecote Community Primary School

Charnwood Primary School

Children's Hospital School

Dovelands Primary School

English Martyrs Catholic School

Evington Valley Primary School

Falcon's Primary School

Fosse Primary School

Green Lane Infant School

Inglehurst Junior School

Kestrels' Field Primary School

King Richard III Infant and Nursery School

Medway Community Primary School

Moat Community College

New College Leicester

Northfield House Primary School

Overdale Infant School

Shenton Primary School

Soar Valley College

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Woodstock Primary School

## Silver Award

Babington Community Technology College

Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Eyres Monsell Primary School

Folville Junior School

Forest Lodge Primary School

Glebelands Primary School

Hazel Primary School and Community Centre

Highfields Primary School

Humberstone Junior School

Leicester Montessori Grammer School

Linden Primary School

Madani Boys School

Madani Girls School

Mellor Community Primary School

Montrose School

Parks Primary School

Queensmead Primary School

Rolleston Primary School

Rowlatts Hill Primary School

Rushey Mead Primary School

Shaftesbury Community Junior School

Sir Jonathan North Community College

St Paul's Catholic School

Willowbrook Primary School

## Green Flag

Avenue Primary School

Bridge Junior School

Marriott Primary School

Mayflower Primary School

Overdale Junior School

Rushey Mead Secondary School

Sandfield Close Primary School

Scraftoft Valley Primary School

Sparkenhoe Community Primary School

Whitehall Primary School



# Dates for your diary – Eco events



Event	Event Summary	Further details (date/time/location)
<b>Eco-Schools Roadshow</b>	<p>An opportunity to bring your eco-team to interactive workshops on projects which can be run back in school.</p> <p>Roadshows will run at schools across the city .</p>	<p>Thursday 9 November 2017 9.30am-12.30pm <b>Forest Lodge Education Centre</b></p> <p>Tuesday 5 December 2017 9.30-12.30pm <b>Rushey Mead Academy</b></p> <p>Friday 8 December 2017 9.30-1.00pm <b>Fullhurst Community College</b></p> <p><i>Further dates during the second half term to be confirmed very soon...</i></p>
<b>Leicester Schools Environmental Education training</b>	A half day training session for teachers new to Eco-Schools or those who just want a recap. Information about the Eco-Schools programme as well as relevant projects taking place in Leicester.	Tuesday 3 October 2017 1.30-4.00pm at <b>Forest Lodge Education Centre</b>
<b>Governor training 'Environmental Education and Eco-Schools'</b>	All schools are encouraged to send a governor on this tailor-made programme for Leicester Schools. Governors have been informed of this course through Leicester Governor Services, but why not give them a heads up!	<p>Thursday 5 October 2017 9.30-11.30am at <b>Forest Lodge Education Centre</b></p> <p>Tuesday 10 October 2017 6.00-8.30pm at <b>City Hall, Leicester</b></p>
<b>#EcoTeachMeets</b>	#EcoTeachMeets are a termly opportunity to share an activity which you have done or find out about exciting activities and projects in Leicester, as well as nationally.	<p>Wednesday 1 November 2017 4.00pm-5.30pm at <b>Sandfield Close Primary School</b></p> <p>Thursday 8 February 2018 4.00pm-5.30pm at the <b>Arts Centre, part of Mellor Primary School</b></p> <p>Tuesday 22 May 2018 4.00pm-5.30pm at <b>Leicester Botanical Gardens</b></p>
<b>Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration event</b>	An opportunity to showcase the fantastic work which Leicester Schools have done over the academic. Now in its fourth year, it is a real treat!	Tuesday 12 June 2018 (all day) at <b>City Hall, Leicester</b>
<b>RCE-EM Conference on Sustainable Development</b>	A regional conference hosted in Leicester aimed at educators of Early Year through to Higher Education. The focus will be around Global Goal 4.7: 'Enabling all learning to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to promote sustainable development'.	Friday 16 March 2018 (all day) at <b>City Hall, Leicester</b>



*Supports the Eco-Schools awards as part of sharing good practice and finding out what other schools are doing*

# Dates for your diary continued...

Event	Event Summary	Further details (date/time/location)
<b>Healthy Schools Network Dates</b>	For more information please contact Rebecca Partington <a href="mailto:Rebecca.partington@sdsa.net">Rebecca.partington@sdsa.net</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 October 2017; 9.30am-2.30pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 15 November 2017; 1.15pm-3.15pm (Anti-bullying and Cyberbullying - network meeting)</li> <li>• Thursday 11 January 2018; 3.30pm-5.30pm (Healthy eating and physical activity – network meeting)</li> <li>• Tuesday 6 February 2018; 1.15pm-3.15pm (RSE and PSHE - network meeting)</li> <li>• Thursday 10 May 2018; 3.30-5.30pm (Emotional health and wellbeing – network meeting)</li> <li>• Tuesday 26 June 2018; 1.30-5.30pm (Sharing good practice marketplace)</li> </ul>
<b>Food for Life network meetings</b>	Network meetings to share good practice and learn some amazing new skills! For more details please contact Lisa Didier <a href="mailto:ldidier@soilassociation.org">ldidier@soilassociation.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 or 24 October 2017 – <b>Overdale Junior School</b></li> <li>• 28 November 2017 – <b>Sandfield Close Primary School</b></li> <li>• TBC February 2018 – <b>Mayflower Primary School</b></li> </ul>
<b>Primary Science Network</b>	Opportunities to share and develop teaching and learning strategies in the primary science curriculum, much of which supports the Eco-Schools programme. Contact Sarah Eames for more details on: <a href="mailto:seames@sandfield.leicester.sch.uk">seames@sandfield.leicester.sch.uk</a>	Thursday 28 September 2017 – <b>Stokes Wood Primary School 4pm</b>  Future dates to be confirmed.
<b>Primary Chef of the Year competition</b>	Following it's success last academic year, the Primary Chef of the year competition will be back. The final will be held at Leicester College. For more details please contact Andrew Dexter on: <a href="mailto:Andrew.Dexter@leicester.gov.uk">Andrew.Dexter@leicester.gov.uk</a>	Wednesday 26 June 2018 (all day) <b>Leicester City College</b> <b>(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)</b>



*Supports many of the Eco-Schools topics and sharing good practice with other schools*

# #EcoTeachMeets

## Leicester 2017/18



- **Wednesday 1 November 2017, 4.00pm-5.30pm at Sandfield Close Primary School, Sandfield Close, Leicester, LE4 7RE**

**NEW** Important updates on the Eco-Schools Award • **BRAND NEW** Healthier Air for Leicester Schools Award • **NEW** Buglife introduction • Opportunity to see Sandfield Close School's amazing Geodome and British Gas competition win • Other attendees to be confirmed **Book via** [AutumnEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk](http://AutumnEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk)

- **Thursday 8 February 2018, 4.00pm-5.30pm at the Cross Corners Arts Centre, part of Mellor Primary School [www.crosscorners.co.uk](http://www.crosscorners.co.uk) Thurmaston Road, Leicester, LE4 5PE**  
'True' TeachMeet – book a 5 or 8 minute slot

**Book via** [WinterEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk](http://WinterEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk)

- **Tuesday 22 May 2018, 4.00pm-5.30pm at the University of Leicester Botanic Gardens, Glebe Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2LD**

Marketplace and interactive workshops on outdoor learning

**Book via** [SpringEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk](http://SpringEcoTeachMeet.eventbrite.co.uk)

#EcoTeachMeet



Learn about all the latest environmental activities happening both in the city and nationally

If you would like to present something you have done in school that would be great - otherwise just come along to learn something new!

All school staff and like-minded organisations are welcome to come along ! Book your place by following the links above

If you would like more information please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator [Lee.Jowett@Leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Lee.Jowett@Leicester.gov.uk) or 0116 454 2271



Supports the Eco-Schools awards as part of your evidence

# Eco-Schools Roadshow 2017

Following last year's success, Leicester City Council will again be hosting a series of mini-conferences in the autumn 2017 term – **book now to avoid disappointment!**

**Thursday 9 November 2017**    **Forest Lodge Education Centre**

**Tuesday 5 December 2017**    **Rushey Mead Academy**

**Friday 8 December 2017**    **Fullhurst Community College**

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- 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](mailto:Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk) or call 0116 454 2271  
**as soon as possible to confirm**

# 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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# 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](http://woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees)

## How to find out more

Nicola Craven – Schools Project Officer

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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](http://www.africagift.org)

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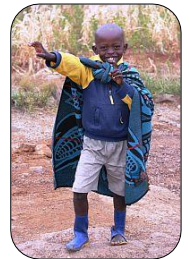
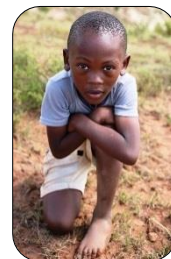
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The next Leicester date is **Thursday 21 September 2017**  
*Email or phone today to book your collection*



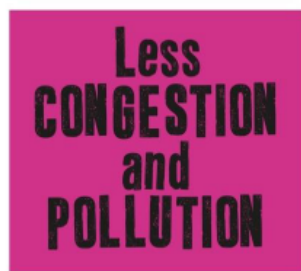
*Supports the Eco-Schools waste and recycling topic*

# 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.

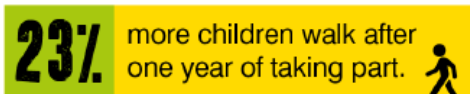
There are 11 badges to collect across the year and daily journeys are logged by pupils on our interactive Travel Tracker accessed through the schools computer or whiteboard (see overleaf). It takes just a few minutes of a teacher's day to run and pupils can help too.

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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🌐 [www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow)



Supports the travel and transport topic

# 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

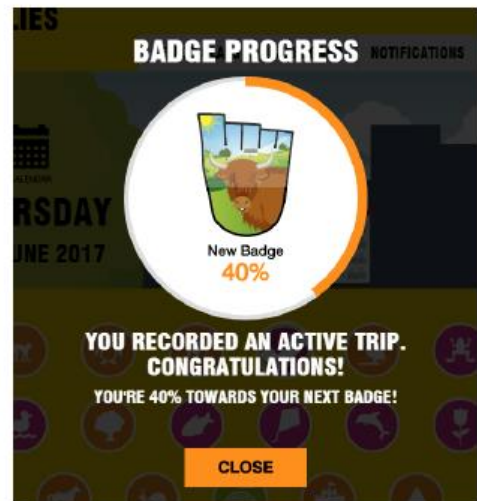
- Pupils record their travel each day on a class PC, iPad or whiteboard.
- Teachers and pupils can see the day-to-day achievements of their class and see which classes are leading the way.
- At the end of each month, easily see which pupils have earned a badge.
- Run reports to see travel habits at a 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.



*Supports the travel and transport topic*

# Ashden Less CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> programme, over one year, saved an average of 10 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> and £2,650 on their energy bills.**

A recent LESS CO<sub>2</sub> school said that *"the programme fired-up the whole school to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The staff who attended were inspired and brought that inspiration back to school to invigorate the whole school community."*

The **LESS CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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. To sign up in Leicester please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator who can support on the project and will be attending the meetings.**

[Lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk](mailto: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 CO<sub>2</sub> team to see what we can do for you.

Schools that have taken part in the LESS CO<sub>2</sub> programme have gone on to save an



**Supports the Eco-Schools energy topic**



## How to find out more








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# Practical Action supporting Eco-Schools

Many of Practical Action's resources can be used to support the Eco-Schools topics, especially Global citizenship, energy, water, waste, healthy living, school grounds and transport. To be awarded the Eco-Schools green flag pupils are required to show how the work they have done links to the curriculum. Using Practical Action's resources will not only engage pupils but clearly demonstrate many of these links, with a particular emphasis on science and design and technology. Why not take a look at the website.

 <p><b>Energy</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of energy. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>	 <p><b>Water</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of water. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
 <p><b>Waste</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of waste. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>	 <p><b>Healthy Living</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of healthy living. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
 <p><b>School Grounds</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of school grounds. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>	 <p><b>Transport</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of transport. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>
 <p><b>Global Citizenship</b> Activities and resources to support pupils' work on the topic of global citizenship. <a href="#">Read more</a></p>	



## How to find out more

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## Aviva Community Fund



The Aviva Community Fund offers you the chance to get funding from £1,000 up to £25,000 for an important cause in your community. Entries open on the 12 September and close on the 10 October 2017.

All you have to do is enter a project for your community organisation – even if you took part previously – and tell us what a difference these much-needed funds could make. The Aviva Community Fund opens on 12 September 2017. Whether you're looking to solve a problem or speed up an ongoing project, this is your chance to make a real difference to your local community. And it all starts with your great idea...

[www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund](http://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund)

 <p><b>Put your thinking cap on</b></p> <p>What project does your organisation need financial support for that will make a positive impact in your community?</p>	 <p><b>Enter your project</b></p> <p>Fill in our short entry form. There are four categories you can enter, and four levels of funding to choose from.</p>	 <p><b>Rally your supporters</b></p> <p>Promote your project to as many friends, family members and neighbours as possible to get their votes.</p>	 <p><b>Fingers crossed...</b></p> <p>The projects with the most votes will become finalists and judged before the winners are announced.</p>
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You can enter your project into one of the following 4 categories:

- Health and wellbeing
- Skills for life
- Inclusivity
- Community support

**The funding levels you can apply for are:**

- Up to £1,000
- Up to £5,000
- Up to £10,000
- Up to £25,000



# Urban Buzz Leicester

Urban Buzz is an ambitious project aiming to create 100 'buzzing hotspots' across Leicester for our much loved bees and other pollinators, providing additional feeding and shelter opportunities. With the help of local partners and various community groups, over the next 21 months we can help create a more vibrant buzzing city!

## Background



The UK has lost over 90% of its wildflower rich grassland since the 1940s, with a move towards more intensive farming and development being the two main causes for this loss of habitat. Many of our pollinator species are in decline with some species restricted to certain parts of the UK. Several bumblebee species have declined significantly within the last 50 years with many other pollinator species at risk.

## Why help pollinators?



If you enjoy chocolate, coffee, strawberries, apples, cherries, and many other of our fruits,

vegetables and flowers then you need pollinators! One out of every three mouthfuls of food depends on insect pollination. We need to protect pollinators, as they provide us with all of these luxuries and more, as well as pollinating many of our much loved garden and wildflower plants, providing a service worth millions of pounds!

## What we want to achieve



Urban Buzz Leicester will work with local partners, and the community to create 100 buzzing hotspots consisting of bright wildflower patches, swathes of woodland and wetland plants, formal planting schemes, trees for bees, bug hotels, bee banks, and lots more!



Common UK bumblebees

Hoverfly

Urban Buzz wildflower patch

The project will provide resources for pollinators throughout the year benefitting a variety of different species including bees, hoverflies, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles and more, focussing on key stages of their life cycle, and providing key connectivity for pollinators to buzz in abundance.



To get involved contact Nick Packham: 07464 828623

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[buglife.org.uk](http://buglife.org.uk)

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Buglife The Invertebrate Conservation Trust is a registered charity at  
Bug House, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough, PE2 5UU  
Registered Charity No: 1092293, Scottish Charity No: SC040004, Company No: 4132695

# Great Park Poetry Slam

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, 35 students from 7 Leicester primary schools came along to the Great Park Poetry Slam in Abbey Park to perform poetry they had written about their favourite parks. The event followed a series of workshops with local poet, Jess Green, and is part of Story of Parks, which is a community engagement project run through Leicester City Council and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Story of Parks is designed to encourage interest and interaction with the history of Leicester's parks through school workshops, walks, talks and fun family days out (including the Abbey Park Extravaganza, which was part of this year's City Festival).

The project was involved in the archaeological digs in Castle Hill Country Park last year and it is being repeated this September. It is taking place over the whole month but the dig is only open Monday to Wednesday during the week as it is also operating on weekends. Local schools have been invited, however there may still an opportunity to visit with your class if you are interested. Please contact Lizzie for more details.



## How to find out more

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# Interactive Climate Change Resource



Supports several of  
the Eco-Schools topics

**Play and explore**  
Try these games and activities.

- Climate Science Brain Buster
- My Climate Actions
- My Energy Superhero

**What you can do about climate change**  
Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our lifetime. We need to take action now. Did you know there are things you can do every day to be part of the solution?  
Learn what you can do!




**Keep the conversation going**  
Connect with Environment and Climate Change Canada on social media to keep the conversation going with the hashtag #ClimateKids.  
Share your great ideas and let Environment and Climate Change Canada know what actions you are taking to reduce climate change. You can also find out what other Canadians are doing by following our channels. Check with your parents or guardians for permission before visiting these sites.

A great interactive Climate Change Resource aimed at younger children  
[climatekids.ca](http://climatekids.ca)

# How does Eco-Schools support the Global Goals?

In September 2015, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, the **17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development** were agreed for 2015-2030. Last year Leicester City Council put together a celebration at City Hall and showcase event in the Highcross to highlight these very important goals.


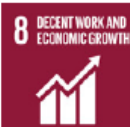





Eco-Schools International have recently identified links between the Global Goals and Eco-Schools programme as part of their commitment to engagement and contribution.

	<b>How Eco-Schools Addresses This SDG</b>	<b>Suggested Theme Link</b>
	<p><b>No Poverty</b></p> <p>Eco-Schools is an inclusive programme which can be adapted to any social and cultural background.</p>	<p><b>Global Citizenship</b></p>
	<p><b>Zero Hunger</b></p> <p>Several Eco-Schools Themes promote improved nutrition and sustainable food production. Many schools have gardens to teach sustainable growing techniques, local food products and the importance of biodiversity in agriculture.</p>	<p><b>School Grounds</b></p>
	<p><b>Good Health and Well-being</b></p> <p>The Health &amp; Wellbeing Theme promotes the health and wellbeing of students and the wider community and makes environmental connections to health and safety.</p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b></p>
	<p><b>Quality Education</b></p> <p>The Eco-Schools methodology is a powerful tool for providing quality education for sustainable development at all school levels. Its whole institutional approach ensures an inclusive implementation throughout the whole kindergarten, school or campus, and the involvement of all children and students.</p>	<p><b>All Themes</b></p>
	<p><b>Gender Equality</b></p> <p>The implementation of the Eco-Schools programme also works towards the achievement of gender equality by giving all students and teachers the equal right to participate in the Eco-Schools Committee and the activities which are related to the Eco-Schools programme.</p>	<p><b>All Themes</b></p>
	<p><b>Clean Water and Sanitation</b></p> <p>Within the Eco-Schools programme students are being sensitised to the sustainable use of water and sanitation. The Theme Water especially focuses on this issue by providing an introduction to the importance of water both locally and globally and by raising awareness of how simple actions can substantially cut down water use.</p>	<p><b>Water</b></p>



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	<p><b>Affordable and Clean Energy</b></p> <p>The Eco-Schools programme promotes energy saving initiatives and innovative solutions to reduce energy consumption within the schools, within students' and teachers' homes, as well as within the wider community. All members of the school work together to increase the awareness of energy issues and to improve the energy efficiency within the school. Furthermore, the students learn how to save energy at home.</p>	<p><b>Energy</b></p>
	<p><b>Decent Work and Economic Growth</b></p> <p>The Eco-Schools programme promotes and fosters a deep understanding for sustainability issues among students which are also of increasing importance in the working environment. Through the implementation of the programme students learn how to take leadership in sustainability development and to find sustainable solutions. Their knowledge and experiences gained through the Eco-Schools programme can further on arouse their interest in employments related to sustainability issues and broaden their opportunities on the labour market.</p>	<p><b>All Themes</b></p>
	<p><b>Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Through the implementation of the Eco-Schools programme innovation in sustainable development is enhanced within the education sector. Especially EcoCampus provides a framework for scientific research in sustainable innovations and practices.</p>	<p><b>Transport</b></p>
	<p><b>Reduced Inequalities</b></p> <p>Eco-Schools is a global programme, allowing the adaption to national and local cultures and contexts. To date, 64 countries on six continents have joined the programme, and the international coordination of Eco-Schools is continuously encouraging new countries to participate in the programme in order to widen the network and to give access to education for sustainable development to all.</p>	<p><b>Global Citizenship</b></p>
	<p><b>Sustainable Cities and Communities</b></p> <p>By integrating Themes such as Sustainable Living, Waste Management and Responsible Consumption into the curriculum, students learn how to reduce the environmental impact of their schools as well as of their personal lifestyles. Through the fostering of responsible behaviour within the school environment, students will also learn how to value and protect the cultural and natural heritage in their countries, as well as abroad.</p>	<p><b>Litter Waste</b></p>
	<p><b>Responsible Consumption and Production</b></p> <p>The Eco-Schools programme supports responsible consumption and production through many of its Themes. Students are encouraged to reflect on their consumption habits and develop ideas and solutions for a more sustainable use of resources. Furthermore, education on recycling and the reduction of waste are integral parts of the Eco-Schools programme. Through the Litter Less Campaign which is a joint initiative of The Wrigley Company Foundation and FEE students are educated about litter encouraging a long-term behavioural change.</p>	<p><b>Waste</b></p>
	<p><b>Climate Action</b></p> <p>Many of the countries running the Eco-Schools programme help schools and communities build Climate Change resilience. Examples of school activities include projects for rainwater harvesting, soil stabilisation, food production, sanitation, and waste management amongst many other.</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p>(Many topics in Eco-Schools England)</p>



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	<p><b>Life Below Water</b></p> <p>Marine litter and the exploitation of the oceans are two of the most urgent matters of the twenty-first century, which is why one of Eco-Schools Themes is especially based on marine and coastal environments. Students learn about the sources of marine litter and its negative effects on the marine flora and fauna. Furthermore, the importance of using the oceans' resources responsibly is communicated to the students.</p>	<p><b>Marine &amp; Coast</b></p> <p>(Biodiversity in Eco-Schools England)</p>
	<p><b>Life On Land</b></p> <p>The Eco-Schools programme promotes the protection, restoration and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems through many different activities developed and implemented by the Eco Committee and the pupils. The Great Plant Hunt, a joint initiative of Toyota Motor Europe and FEE, is a special campaign which focuses on biodiversity with a particular emphasis on plants and their associated species. It aims to educate students about biodiversity, its importance and encourage them to take positive action.</p>	<p><b>Biodiversity &amp; Nature</b></p>
	<p><b>Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</b></p> <p>Justice and democratic values are integral elements of the Eco-Schools programme. Through the Eco Committee the pupils learn how democratic decision-making works and how to respect the views and opinion of others.</p>	<p><b>Global Citizenship</b></p>
	<p><b>Partnerships For The Goals</b></p> <p>Through Education for Sustainable Development the Sustainable Development Goals are implemented within the Eco-Schools network worldwide. Nationally and internationally the programme cooperates with institutional and corporate partners to develop new projects and to support initiatives that also help towards sustainable development. Amongst others, a Memorandum of Understanding with The International Foundation for the Young Masters Programme (ISYMP) for the promotion of overall sustainability awareness and the educational platform TheGoals.org on sustainable development was signed.</p>	

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & LEICESTERSHIRE FOREST EDUCATION NETWORK

# 10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Loughborough University, Department of Geography

9.30am to 12.00 noon (doors open 9.00am )

Networking ❖ Goody bags

Activity ideas ❖ Latest research

Training & other discounts ❖ Professional development

**Cost £10**

(subsidised by Loughborough University and Notts. & Leics. FEN)

Includes refreshments and free raffle tickets

Join the fun at a great venue with adjacent free parking

**Ticket numbers are limited and must be bought in advance**

Tickets can be reserved from 1st Sept [nottsleicsfen@outlook.com](mailto:nottsleicsfen@outlook.com) for information

# Get Healthy Leicester –



Get Healthy Leicester provides a service that offers FREE healthy lifestyle services to anybody over the age of 18 years living in Leicester City. These services provide help & support in the following areas:

- Healthy eating
- Increasing physical activity
- Weight management
- Reducing alcohol consumption
- Quitting smoking



We are funded by the Leicester City council to provide a centralised point of access for all the FREE services delivered in the city. We can refer individuals to services such as weight management groups, one to one support, smoking cessation etc.

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- Lose weight?
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Then look no further our friendly advisors can refer you to a wide range of FREE local services.

Give us a call to find out more on: 0116 217 1881  
Or visit our website at : [www.gethealthyuk.com](http://www.gethealthyuk.com)



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
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## How to find out more

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# support for parents and community

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For workplaces, we offer health promotion days. This involves us coming into the workplace answering general questions around healthy eating/exercise and referring those that want further support. We are also able to deliver group-based healthy lifestyle interventions in a workshop setting. This involves us holding an interactive session to provide individuals with knowledge around healthy eating and exercise.

*Bridge Juniors recently invited Rifat to their Farmers market to speak to parents and families.*

If you have any queries, would like to have us attend a health day, or have us run a workshop then please contact me.



Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living topic



## Central England Co-operative Making a difference

Central England Co-operative and the Membership and Community Relations Team can offer a number of educational workshops to pupils in a fun and informative way. These are adapted to give hands-on experience and demonstrate our difference and vision as a Co-operative retailing business and make a difference in the community where we trade. Since the formation of the Co-operative Movement in 1844, Co-operative businesses have been providing educational programmes in a variety of ways for its members and communities.

The **co-operative** membership  
Here for you for life

### WORKSHOPS WE CAN OFFER INCLUDE:

- Healthy Choices Workshop
- Healthy Choices Shopping Challenge
- Fairtrade and Co-operative History Assemblies
- Ethical Challenges in Store
- Educational Bee Visits - Peterborough Showground (Please see contact details on reverse)

These free interactive sessions provides pupils with useful information on a variety of topics:

#### Healthy Choices Workshop

A 1-2 hour workshop providing a greater understanding of a healthy balanced diet. The workshop covers a range of food-related topics including healthy eating, 5 a day, understanding food labelling, perfect portions and food waste. **Learning opportunities:** team work, a greater understanding of 5 a day with a true or false session, looking at food packaging and understanding fat, saturated fats, sugar and salt content, how we can manage waste and how much food is thrown away.

#### Healthy Choices Shopping Challenge

A one hour activity inviting children into a local Central England Co-operative store. Students work in teams to shop on a set budget for a meal for four adults and scan items at the till. **Learning opportunities:** team work, a greater understanding of labels on products, budgeting, product awareness and a hands-on experience of shopping.

#### Fairtrade and Co-operative History

A 30 minute presentation on Fairtrade and the Co-operative Movement and how they are linked.

#### Ethical Challenges in Store

A one hour activity inviting children into a local Central England Co-operative store. The students are given a question sheet relating to ethical products which can be found within the store, highlighting Fairtrade. **Learning opportunities:** the environment, labelling, packaging, zero to landfill and a hands on experience of a supermarket.

#### Educational Bee Visits (Peterborough Showground)

A short classroom session with members of the Peterborough and District Beekeepers Association during which children will learn about the work and an opportunity to view the bees from a safe enclosed observatory. (To book please contact Sandra Lauridsen at the East of England Showground, Tel:01733 363514 or email: slauridsen@eastofengland.org.uk)

Activities can be adapted to suit all age groups.



#### For further information or to book a visit please contact:

Member and Community Relations, Central England Co-operative, Hermes Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6RH  
Telephone: 01543 414140 Email: member.community@centralengland.coop

# AUTUMN HARVEST in the woods

RFS  
Teaching Trees



### Trees and other woodland plants

Which trees and other woodland plants can you recognise?

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

Unforgettable learning experiences



Free!

### Seasonal changes

What happens in woodlands in autumn?

- ✓ Find out why some trees lose their leaves in winter...
- ✓ ... and why some trees keep their leaves
- ✓ Discover the woodland harvest and learn about seed dispersal

Linked to the new National Curriculum



### Wildlife and habitats

What lives in the woods?

- ✓ Hunt for minibeasts and find evidence of larger woodland creatures
- ✓ Have fun with team games
- ✓ Discover animal homes and learn how wildlife prepares for winter



### Materials

Why are trees so useful?

- ✓ Hunt for objects made from different materials in the woods
- ✓ Find out what you can make from timber
- ✓ Discover which trees are best for making furniture, musical instruments, firewood or building homes



### Measuring and problem solving

What can we investigate about the trees around us?

- ✓ Use different techniques to discover the age of trees
- ✓ Calculate the number of trees in an area
- ✓ Become a forester and choose which trees to cut down and which to keep

Schools and local woods working together



Link to your special themes

### Creating and caring for woodlands

Why are trees important?

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



Mix and match activities

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

RFS Teaching Trees is the Royal Forestry Society's schools programme. Find out more at [www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees](http://www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees)  
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NURTURING PASSION AND EXCELLENCE  
IN WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

# Citizen Science Environmental Experiments



Earthwatch are an organisation dedicated to protecting the planet and creating a sustainable future for all! They have 3 citizenship science experiments which they are promoting that can be carried out by primary and secondary students.

- **Tea Bag index** – students bury teabags to investigate the rate of decomposition (and therefore soil quality) – **teabags need to be buried between the end of May and end of June and dug up 3 months later to weigh.**
- **Earthworm Watch** – students record different kinds and numbers of earthworms as well as learning about how important earthworms are for healthy soils - **can be done all year round but is best done in spring and autumn.**
- **Freshwater Watch** – Students record nutrient levels and water quality – so you need access to water! (a stream or pond is sufficient) – **can be done all year round**



*You are encouraged to repeat the experiments every year to see if there is any changes in the environment*



If you would like to run one or more of these activities in school the environmental education coordinator can run the session with support from school staff or can run a training session in school so that you can deliver it yourself. There is no cost for the training or workshops.

The environmental education coordinator is a fully qualified science teacher with Chartered Science Teacher Status. All risk assessments will be provided as will the majority of resources.



All activities are linked to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development



And don't forget World Soil Day Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December!



Supports the Silver & Green Flag Eco-School awards as part of your curriculum evidence



# FSC Friday

www.uk.fsc.org



Supports  
several of the  
Eco-Schools  
topics



Friday 29th of September 2017 is FSC Friday, an annual celebration designed to inform people about FSC certification, the importance of responsible forest management, and the vital role forests play in all of our lives!

Why not get involved and raise awareness by...

- **Hosting an FSC-inspired bake-off.** Get in the bake-off mood and create an FSC inspired cake! Take part in the showstopper challenge and bake any type of cake with a forest theme. The photos below show previous years bakes, including hedgehog cupcakes and buzzy bees. Bring them into the kitchen on FSC Friday and raise the awareness of FSC! *Don't forget to use organic ingredients when you can!*

- **Making an FSC Desk Tree.** Bring out your arts and crafts side by making a FSC Desk Tree. Use recycled materials, such as scrap paper, cardboard, toilet rolls (and anything else you like) to create a mini tree for your desk to promote responsible forestry management. [Make sure to include on the tree at least 1 reason why FSC certification is important!](#) Take inspiration for your desk trees from other companies in the UK from the photos opposite.

You can even submit a photo and description of how you got involved in FSC Friday to the FSC for a chance to win!

For more information and to receive a free digital download pack go to: <http://www.fsc-uk.org/en-uk/get-involved/fsc-friday>

**OUTDOOR  
CLASSROOM DAY  
UK & IRELAND**

→ 12 OCTOBER 2017 ←

**SIGN UP!**

# SEEd Sustainable Schools Conference

SEEd and the Sustainable Schools Alliance are delighted to be running the successful annual sustainable schools conference again. This year we are being sponsored by Supply Change, an EU project with Think Global addressing environmental and human rights around supermarket supply chains.

**Date:** Monday 13 November 2017

**Location:** Baden Powell House, South Kensington, London.

**Cost:** £80, £72 for SEEd members, £20 for students.

The SEEd National Sustainable Schools conference is a unique opportunity to participate in 'learning for sustainability'. The purpose of the day is to support educators to embed sustainability into their campus, curriculum and community. Pupils and University/College students of all ages are also welcome at the conference and we actively promote opportunities for intergenerational learning. This year's conference for teachers, young people, NGOs and businesses from across the country focuses on how schools can inspire students to aim for careers that make a difference to their communities and wider world, now and in the future. The day is a planning and action learning day. You will come away with ideas, contacts, resources, plans and inspiration. It includes invited speakers who have made sustainability their career, action learning workshops from diverse organisations, a lunchtime Share Fair, networking. As ever, youth participation throughout is encouraged – so bring your pupils.

## How to find out more

Poppy Flint, Sustainable Schools Alliance

Sustainable Schools and Environmental Education

<http://se-ed.co.uk/edu/nssc-2017/>

[ssacoordinator@se-ed.org.uk](mailto:ssacoordinator@se-ed.org.uk)



## Calling all energy savers!



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](#)



EDUCATION



Supports the Eco-Schools energy topic

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



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Bronze Award



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