

Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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April 2018

Welcome to the **April Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin**. This term we are busy planning the celebration event taking place on the 12 June at City Hall along with the termly #TeachMeet at the Botanical Gardens on the 22 May 2018 as well as supporting lots of schools going for their Green Flag Eco-Schools Award. **As always, if you need any help or support email or contact me, many thanks, Lee**



[Eco-Schools assessor training – 25 April 2018](#)

When a school submits their Green Flag application an assessor visits to meet the students and staff at the school. Volunteers are trained to become Eco-Schools assessors and the next training is **Wednesday 25 April 2018** at Phoenix House, Leicester. If you could like to attend please email Lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk alternatively let me know if you would like to attend a future date.

[Deadline extended for Fairtrade Fortnight competitions](#)

The deadline for both the **Fairtrade Schools** and **What's the Mark** competitions have been extended to **Friday 27 April 2018**.

If you would like more information please [follow the link](#).

A poster for the Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 Schools' competition. The poster has a green border and contains the following text: 'Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 Schools' competition', 'Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March', 'Deadline for submission extended to 27 April 2018', 'As you start planning for Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 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 from all schools!', 'To enter the competition all you need to do is submit a write-up of how your school celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight 2018. Please include evidence such as photos/pupil work with your submission.', '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 of the year: "Stand with farmers and close the door to exploitation"', 'For more information and to receive an application form please contact: Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council, lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk 0116 454 2271', 'Stand with farmers and close the door to exploitation', and logos for 'The co-operative' and 'Fairtrade'. There are also three small photographs showing people at a competition event.

[Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration event - 12 June](#)

2018

Information about our Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration are now available online. It is a great opportunity to showcase your work to other schools, organisations and local councillors.

[Email](#) now to reserve your school group.



Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2018
Deadline for school entry 2 June 2018

Tuesday 12 June 2018 • City Hall, Leicester

Celebrate the work that your school has completed this year by attending the nine annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebrations. Bring along up to 5 students to show off your school's and/or your Food for Life project. Receive your Food for Life award as well as the Healthy Air for Schools Award.

Schools competing for Eco-Schools Award, Leicester and Leicestershire Healthy Air Award for Schools. As a minimum, the Eco-Schools must be:

- Awarded
- Strong
- Green
- Local
- Active
- Healthy
- Sustainable
- Awarded
- Healthy
- Sustainable
- Awarded

Schools for the Eco-Schools Award will be judged by the school's level of Eco-School award rather than by their score.

For the Eco-Schools Award, your school will be judged on a range of criteria including:

- Budget
- Eco-Audit Score (including Gooding)
- The award will be given to the school with the highest score.

All schools will also be invited to the:

- Budget Presentation
- Eco-Audit Award (including Gooding)
- The award will be given to the school with the highest score.

The Food for Life award will be given to the school with the highest score.

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

For more information and to book your school place contact:

Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council
Tel: 01533 433000 ext 210 or 211
The Mayor, 1st Floor, Leicester City Council
1000, 1st Floor, Leicester City Council, LE1 7RH

Healthy Air for Leicester, Eco-Schools, Food for Life, Leicester City Council

Environment, health and wellbeing TeachMeet for school leaders (SLT and Governors) – 24 May 2018

To support school leaders have a better understanding of all the projects in Leicester, we are hosting an annual TeachMeet at City Hall on Thursday 24 May 2018. Further information available in the newsletter or book via the [Eventbrite](#) link.



Environment, Health and Wellbeing School #TeachMeet2018

The annual Environment, Health and Wellbeing #TeachMeet is an opportunity for school leaders including governors to find out about all the exciting projects being delivered by us in partnership with Leicester City Council at one event!

Thursday 24 May 2018
1.00pm-3.30pm
City Hall, 125 Charles Street, Leicester LE1 3JZ

The first hour and a half will consist of 15-minute style presentations. Presenters will have 5 minutes to present their project including any questions.

The remaining time will then be reserved for all school leaders to have more detailed conversations.

Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of projects being delivered in Leicester city free of charge to schools.
- Find out which projects are suitable for your school or in your place.
- Plan for delivery of projects in May and the next academic year.
- Learn from providers the benefits of participation including links to healthy schools, SMSC and Ofsted criteria.

This free event is open to all leaders in school. To book your place please book via the Eventbrite link or email: Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk

Attendees include: City Councillors, Learning Networks, Environmental Education Leicestershire, School Learning Library, Healthy Teeth Press Centre, Brightly, Leicester Reporting, Food for Life, Healthy Schools Network & Daily Mile schemes

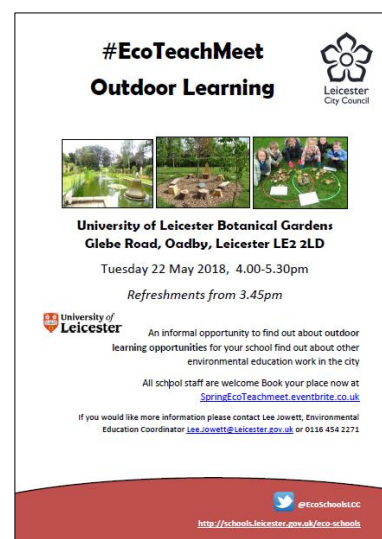
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#EcoTeachmeet – 22 May 2018 – Outdoor Learning

Find out about opportunities to develop outdoor learning in your school. The last #EcoTeachMeet of the year will take place at the University of Botanical Gardens on **Tuesday 24 May 2018** from **4.00-5.30pm**.

The first half will be an opportunity to meet providers at their market stalls followed by 5 minutes quick-fire presentations.

To confirm your attendance please use the [Eventbrite link](#).



#EcoTeachMeet
Outdoor Learning
Leicester City Council

University of Leicester Botanical Gardens
Glebe Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LD
Tuesday 22 May 2018, 4.00-5.30pm
Refreshments from 3.45pm

University of Leicester

An informal opportunity to find out about outdoor learning opportunities for your school find out about other environmental education work in the city

All school staff are welcome Book your place now at SpringEcoTeachmeet.eventbrite.co.uk

If you would like more information please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or 01533 434 2271

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Happy Feet Day and Happy Shoesday – part of Walk to School Week

On Tuesday 22 May this year thousands of children and grown-ups across the country will be wearing their happy shoes. Happyschools day raises vital funds for Living Streets' work.

Why not link your Happyschools Day to a 'Shoes for Africa' Day by donating old shoes and raising funds.

Join in with Happy Shoesday
On Tuesday 22 May this year thousands of children and grown-ups around the country will be wearing their happy shoes.

Why? They all want the right to walk to school safely, with fewer traffic jams and less toxic fumes in the air. This event is called Happy Shoesday and raises vital funds for Living Streets' work.

How It Works:

1. Sign up for a free resource pack and we'll send you everything you need to make running the day as easy and fun as possible.
2. Get thinking about what happy shoes to wear – a favourite pair or ones that have been discarded. This can use our shoe swap template to turn shoes into shoe-par halves!
3. Have a super Happy Shoesday! Encourage families to walk, cycle or park and walk to school with fewer traffic jams, potential collisions and less air.

Why Join In?
Remind families that your school is committed to reducing the number of cars outside the school gate and making sure your pupils can enjoy a happy, healthy and safer walk to school with fewer traffic jams, potential collisions and less air.

Living Streets is the UK's only charity for everyday walking. This can help us keep going to make streets safer for all. This small action means you will be a part of the work to overcome barriers to walking. For example, our Walk to School campaign reaches millions of people. Above all, the work we do creates communities designed for people, not machines.

Sign up at www.livingstreets.org.uk/happyschools
Contact katie.france@livingstreets.org.uk if you have any questions.

Last year some Leicester schools linked Happy Shoesday to Africa's Gift Happy Feet Day. Families could donate either a pair of unwanted shoes or £1, with funds raised from both methods going to Living Streets.

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...

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 sent again in east 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 weight them and make sure they are sorted.

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 us as partners to make this happen.

Find out more at www.africasgift.org

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Why not link to Living Streets' Happy Shoesday event in May? As we did last year, Africa's Gift will be arranging a Leicester collection day to be in with local Happy Shoesday events. Email or phone today to book your collection.

[Download information](#) about the scheme or get in touch with [Katie France](#), Living Streets or [Ken Dunn](#) Africa's Gift (Shoes for Africa)

Free - Plastic pen recycling scheme

We are working with COG (a small Leicester based, not-for-profit, social enterprise) to run a plastic pen recycling scheme (funded by BIC). This great scheme will enable all schools to recycle old pens (felt tip, highlighter, fountain & ballpoint) which are generally more difficult to recycle.

This is a limited opportunity for Leicester schools as Terracycle are not taking on any new school sign ups.

To sign up complete the very [short survey](#) now. Deadline for initial expression of interest **27 April 2018**.

Recycle writing instruments HERE

1. Collect your used writing instruments
2. We recycle
3. Donations are given

History will be made in...

Thanks to you, we recycle! For more details, visit our website at www.terracycle.org

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Visit to South Africa – February 2019

There is still an opportunity for colleagues to visit South Africa during February 2019. For more information please [download the information pack](#) or contact Lee Jowett as soon as possible for payment schedules.

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Partnership Impact Visit – Cape Town

Name of Group	Leeanne Fox Johnson	Group Details	
Destination	South Africa	Number of Adults	15
Date of Quotation	7 March 2018		
Date of Travel	18 February 2019		Total 6 15
Our reference	EC00019		
Version	v1.04		

About this document
This document outlines the structure and associated quotation for the Partnership Impact Visit (PIV) that you have requested. Should you accept the quotation, this document forms the basis of the contract between the client and Face Africa Ltd.

Please read through the following pages - A and B and take particular notice of the notes at the end of the document relating to Prices, Cancellations, Booking & Payments.

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[Healthier Air for School Award](#)

There is still time to submit your evidence for the Healthier Air for Schools Award. Find out all about the award and submission dates by [following the link](#).



Healthier Air for Schools Award

Poor air quality affects people's health and damages the environment. In Leicester there are two main pollutants of concern: nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. The main source of these pollutants is road traffic, in particular diesel engines.

Leicester has an air quality action plan, a strategic approach to delivering better air quality. This action plan sets out how we will improve air quality and meet the EU standards for nitrogen dioxide, but we cannot achieve this alone. We are asking you to support improving air quality by tackling parking around your school and actively encouraging sustainable transport for students, staff and parents. All schools can achieve the Healthier Air for Schools award.

You can submit your evidence at any time, however submissions will be reviewed monthly. Download the application form from the school air@leicester.gov.uk or www.leicester.gov.uk/HealthierAir

Email your completed form and evidence to air@leicester.gov.uk. If we need any extra information or clarification we will be in touch. All schools who achieve the award will be invited to the celebration event at City Hall on **Tuesday 12 June 2018**.

Your award lasts 12 months from approval. You will need to renew annually to maintain your award.

In order to achieve a pass in the Healthier Air for Schools award you need to submit evidence of:

1. Achieving at least your Silver Eco-Schools Award with the topic of transport covered
2. At least 1 ongoing scheme for example Living Streets, Walk to School, Sustrans Bike It, which has lasted at least 2 school terms.
3. At least 1 event involving parents and the community e.g. car-free day, clean air day, raising awareness of the problem of idling

*Idling refers to running a vehicle's engine when the vehicle is not in motion in parking outside the school gates

You can also achieve a merit by evidencing other activities in school

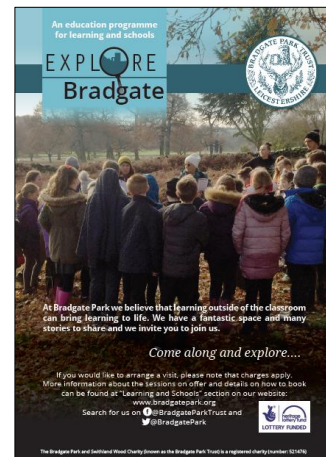
- You can submit evidence of activities which have taken place in the last 12 months.

Support the Transport and Healthy Living Eco-Schools trials

[Explore Bradgate](#)

Bradgate Park Trust, as the charity that cares for Bradgate Park and Swithland Wood, is introducing a new EXPLORE education programme, suitable for schools and covering both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 themes.

More information is available on the [Bradgate Park website](#).



An education programme for learning and schools

EXPLORE Bradgate

At Bradgate Park we believe that learning outside of the classroom can bring learning to life. We have a fantastic space and many stories to share and we invite you to join us.

Come along and explore....

If you would like to arrange a visit, please note that charges apply. More information about the sessions on offer and details on how to book can be found at 'Learning and Schools' section on our website: www.bradgatepark.org

Search for us on [Facebook](#) @BradgateParkTrust and [Twitter](#) @BradgatePark

The Bradgate Park and Swithland Wood Charitable Trust is a registered charity (number: 512176)

[National Smile month is nearly here](#)

As we head in to Spring we are in full planning mode for our 2018 National Smile Month (NSM) Campaign in Leicester City. NSM is the UK's largest and longest running national campaign and this year it runs from 14 May – 14 June 2018.

Follow the [link](#) for more information about what is happening in Leicester



[30 Days Wild](#)

Can you do something wild every day throughout June? That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

We're giving you a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas from your Wildlife Trust to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!).

To get your free 30 Days Wild pack, which includes a wallchart, a poster, an interactive booklet and some stickers to help you go wild, just select who is taking part and take the next step!



[March 2018 Newsletter](#)

The most recent newsletter is now available to download from the schools extranet. It contains information about the #EcoTeachmeet, celebration event and lots of other things happening in and around Leicester.



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