

# Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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## February 2019

Dear,

Welcome to the **February Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin**. We recently launched our Facebook page which contains all the latest information and activities taking place, so if you don't use Twitter, but do use [Facebook](#), why not like our page?

- **\*\*New date and venue\*\*** for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Eco-Schools & Food for Life Celebration – 14 June 2019
- Save the date – 13 June 2019, Learning Through Landscapes – One World Conference hosting in Leicester
- Great Big School Clean - 22 March - 23 April 2019

As always, if you need any help or support email or contact me, many thanks, Lee

**\*\*New date and venue\*\***  
**for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration – De Montfort University, 14 June 2019**

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

A poster for the 'Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2019'. The poster is white with a dark red border. At the top right, there is a white box with a red border that says 'Deadline for school entry 31 May 2019'. The main text on the poster reads: 'Friday 14 June 2019 • Students' Union, De Montfort University, Leicester'. Below this, it says 'Celebrate the work that your school has completed this year by attending the now annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration. Bring along up to 5 students to display your Eco-Schools and/or your Food for Life project. Receive your Food for Life award as well as the Healthier Air for Schools Award.' There are four small photographs showing students and staff at the event. Below the photos, there is a list of Eco-Schools topics: Biodiversity, Energy, Litter, Waste, Transport, Water, School Grounds, Healthy Living, and Global Citizenship. It also mentions that schools can display 2 Eco-Schools topics, 1 of which can include their Food for Life project. The poster lists the awards: Judge's Special Award and Eco-Factor Award (voted by students). It also states that schools are asked to bring packed lunches with them. At the bottom, there is contact information for Lee Jowett, Leicester City Council, and Lisa Dicker, Soil Association Food for Life. Logos for 'Healthier Air for Leicester' and 'DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY LEICESTER' are at the bottom.

To book your school group

place email [Lee Jowett](mailto:Lee.Jowett).



**Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2019**  
Friday 14 June 2019 • Students' Union, De Montfort University, Leicester

**Additional Food for Life information**  
You are invited to attend this event to demonstrate the work you have completed so far on your Food for Life Journey.

You can showcase work towards your Bronze or Silver award or you can show a way you have improved an area of the following in school:

- How you used Food for Life to raise attainment
- How Food for Life has been integrated across the school in a whole school approach
- Increased school meal take up
- The good work of your SNAG and pupil voice
- Show the ethos of healthy eating across the school
- Show the improvement in cooking in the curriculum
- Food growing in school
- Demonstrate how you improved the dining room environment

If you would like to achieve Bronze or Silver by the time this event takes place please contact Lisa Didieic if you would like to display your work from the above categories, then a Certificate will be presented for your work and you will also be achieving criteria 8&2 for their bronze award "we share Food for Life learning with local schools, the wider community and other partners".

Lisa Didieic, Soil Association Food for Life  
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Awards kindly supported by



**[Winter #EcoTeachMeet – 29 January 2019 at English Martyrs' School, Leicester](#)**

Thank you to our presenters and attendees that came along to the #EcoTeachMeet at English Martyrs' Catholic School last week. All the presentations and flyers can be found on the schools extranet page.

The third and final #EcoTeachMeet of the academic year will take place on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at Graceworks, The Common, Leicester, LE5 6EA. You can sign up now via [Eventbrite](#).



**Winter #EcoTeachMeet**



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Use the Hashtag #EcoTeachMeet



**[Polli:Nation Seminar](#)**

Our pollinators are still in trouble and in decline. They need homes and food – Learning Through Landscapes have spent the last 3 years doing this in our schools – we hope you can continue this work!

On **7 February 2019 at 4pm** Learning Through Landscapes are holding a webinar – summarising their

results and findings from the Pollination project!

They have had some fantastic results –join us to see how your part in the Pollination project has helped **increase pollinator numbers, pupil engagement** and led to a variety of **grounds development beneficial for our wildlife, pupils and teachers.**

Follow the [link to register](#). They will be recording the webinar, if you register then a link to the recording will be automatically sent through to you.

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## [Create a Con 2019](#)

Create A Con is a free, annual STEM event that brings together some of the best science, tech, engineering, and maths projects from the Leicester area. Now in its 5th year, Create A Con has given away 3000+ tickets with the aim of inspiring families to engage in STEM.

Create A Con features a range of activities, including VR, coding, 3D printing, robots, and much more! Join us at the LCB Depot on Saturday 9 March from 11am - 4pm to help us kick off British Science Week #BSW19! #WhatWillYouCreate?

Free tickets:  
[bit.ly/createacon19](http://bit.ly/createacon19)

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[Save the date -  
Wildlife in school  
grounds conference –  
Thursday 13 June,  
Leicester City Hall](#)

Do you believe in the power of nurturing and improving school grounds? Is children's wellbeing at the heart of your work? Then join Learning through Landscapes – the UK's leading outdoor learning and play charity – as they host a wildlife in school grounds conference on Thursday 13 June at Leicester City Hall.



For more information and to book your FREE place, email [enquiries@ltl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ltl.org.uk).

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[Great Big School Clean  
- 22 March - 23 April  
2019](#)

Last year 126,000 inspiring pupils - many of them from our Eco-Schools - participated in our first ever Great Big School Clean. They were part of a group of 370,000 people who took part in the Great British Spring Clean, together collecting 630,000 bags of litter that could've otherwise ended up in the ocean.



Now the Great Big School Clean is back

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for 2019 and we want to inspire even more of Eco-Schools to get involved this year.

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### [Cherry Trees for Schools](#)

The Japan Society is now inviting schools in the UK to apply to be part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Planting Project in the UK, a project to celebrate the friendship between Japan and the UK.

Schools interested in receiving and planting a cherry tree should apply by using the application form below by **28 February 2019**. Trees will be supplied by the Cherry Tree Project, but planting and maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant educational institution / school.

For more information please follow the link above or go to the [Cherry Tree Project website](#).

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### [Feedback on Eco-Schools website](#)

Eco-Schools would like to know your feedback on their website:

#### **For new Eco-Schools/ Eco-Coordiators post Sept 2018**

- Feedback on the new website and portal resources- are they helpful?
- Are they finding it easier to progress through the seven steps?
- What do you like about the new website/ resources?

#### **For schools who were used to the old website:**

- Do you think the new website, pathway (swapping steps 4 and 6 around) and portal resources are better/ worse than before and why?

If you would like to provide some feedback please email [Francis Hyland](#) at Keep Britain Tidy.

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