

Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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June 2019

Welcome to the **June Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin** and the last half term! As always, there are lots of things going on (especially training), including:

- Final reminder: [Food for Life and Eco-Schools celebration](#) – save the date and book your school group now – **14 June 2019**
- Final reminder: [One World Learning – Wildlife and School Grounds Conference](#) – a free conference hosted in Leicester – **13 June 2019**
- [Wild about Learning – outdoor numeracy and literacy twilight teacher training sessions](#) – Sparkenhoe Primary School, **11 & 18 June 2019**
- Free training - [Air quality and Earthwatch teacher training day](#) – Wednesday 26 June 2019

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



[World Environment Day – 5 June 2019](#)

Wednesday this week is World Environment Day. It's a great opportunity to raise awareness of the climate emergency and air quality education.

Recently updated, Oxfam's Climate Challenge resources use engaging tools and activities to explore the causes and human impact of climate change, and consider what action can be taken in response.

- [Oxfam Climate Change resources for 7-11 year olds](#)
 - [12 Great resources for primary schools – World Environment Day 2019](#)
 - [Twinkl Resources](#)
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Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration – De Montfort University, 14 June 2019

There are a couple of spaces left to 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.

Further information can be downloaded from the flyer opposite.

To book your school group place please email [Lee Jowett](mailto:Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk).

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2019
Deadline for school entry 24 May 2019

Friday 14 June 2019 • Students' Union, De Montfort University, Leicester

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Schools can display 2 Eco-Schools topics, 1 of which can include your Food for Life project. As a reminder, the Eco-Schools topics are:

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Waste
- Transport
- Water
- School Grounds
- Healthy Living
- Global Citizenship
- Marine

Entries for the Eco-Schools Awards will be categorised by the school's level of Eco-School award rather than by topic.

Food for Life awards will be judged separately and will be a demonstration of work completed so far on the Food for Life journey.

All schools will also be entered into the:

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

The event will run from 9.30am - 2pm.

Schools are asked to bring packed lunches with them. 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
lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk 0116 454 2771

Lisa Didier, Soil Association Food for Life
lisa@soilassociation.org 07718 370945

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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 SNA/G 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 Didier. 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 6&7 for their bronze award. We share Food for Life learning with local schools, the wider community and other partners.

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One World Learning – Wildlife and School Grounds Conference

We are very pleased to be hosting an international Wildlife and Schools Grounds Conference here in Leicester and Leicester City Hall on **Thursday 13 June 2019**.

It is an ideal opportunity to share good practice, find out what is happening internationally and take lots of ideas back to school or your organisation.

Completely free to attend (deposit required to confirm attendance).

Please visit the [Learning through Landscapes website](http://www.learningthroughlandscapes.org.uk) for more information.

One World Learning

Are you a conservation or wildlife professional, gardener or educator?

Come and join us at

Wildlife and School Grounds Conference

- Be inspired by Europe-wide wildlife projects in school grounds
- Take part in practical workshops on Learning through Landscapes, RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts along with others
- Network with specialists and enthusiasts in the industry

Keynotes include

Dr Steve Haze, Ecologist and Chairman of the UK Gardening for Wildlife Forum

Sarah Brady, Education Manager BirdLife Malta

Suanie Smith, Development Manager Learning through Landscapes

Whether you are urban or rural we can all support learning through nature to inspire, equip and empower individuals and communities to live sustainably.

Leicester City Hall
Thursday 13th June 2019
BOOK NOW

For more information and to book your FREE place

BOOK NOW
Email: one.world.learning@leicester.gov.uk
Call: 01522 442328

[Wild about Learning – outdoor numeracy and literacy twilight teacher training sessions](#)

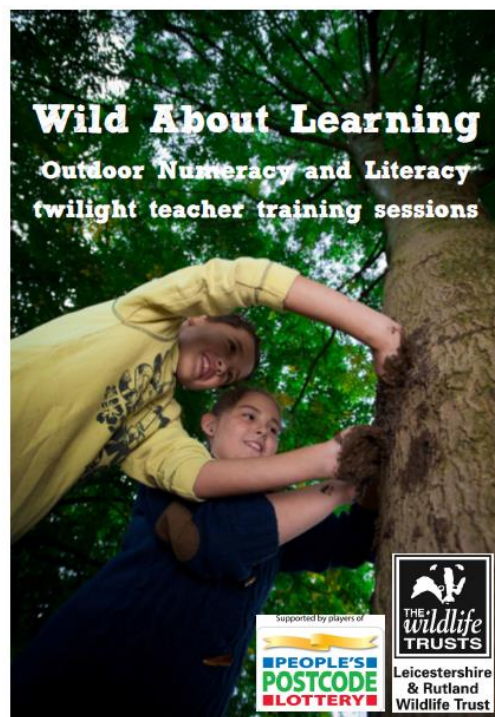
Introducing Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust's new teachers' pack! Get inspired to take your lessons outdoors with our **numeracy and literacy lesson plans for each KS1 and KS2 year group** - plus links to other packs and resources. Join us in helping to make nature part of growing up for all children. During the sessions, you will sample many of the activities in the pack, covering key areas of study.

Upcoming training events, from 3:30—5 pm

- **Tuesday 11th June - KS1 and KS2 Numeracy** at Sparkenhoe Ark Theatre, Sparkenhoe Primary School
- **Tuesday 18th June - KS1 and KS2 Literacy** at Sparkenhoe Ark Theatre, Sparkenhoe Primary School

To book, go to: <https://bookwhen.com/lrwtevents>

For more information, contact: Martha Rose: mrose@lrwt.org.uk



[Free Air quality and Earthwatch Training session at Sandfield Close Primary School – Wednesday 26 June 2019](#)

This one day course will give delegates the skills and knowledge to deliver exciting and relevant science lessons around **brand new** innovative Earthwatch resources and Air Quality Education from Leicester City Council.

This course is suitable for primary and secondary teachers (resources developed at KS2 and KS3 students)

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Wednesday 26 June 2019 Sandfield Close Primary School, 9.30am-3.30pm Leicester, LE4 7RE

Free and open to all schools in Leicester City



Why attend?

- Become confident in using resources developed by **Earthwatch and Leicester City Council – Air Quality Education team**
- Be aware of **free support to schools** around Teach Earth and air quality education offers
- Develop **learning opportunities linked to the curriculum** around the resources for your school
- **Network with other teachers and organisations** to support your school

Who would benefit from this course?
All primary and junior school teachers, primary science leads, Eco-Schools coordinators, teaching assistants, curricular Science/STEM club organisers, teachers of secondary science (KS3)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

To book your place please email Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 2271



[Latest from Eco-Schools Wilko School Grounds Project](#)

As many of you know Beccy Somers has been working with 5 schools in Leicester on an exciting project funded by Wilko. The 5 schools:

- Barley Croft Primary School
- Braunstone Community Primary School
- Ellesmere College
- Mowmacre Hill Primary School
- Woodstock Primary Academy

have been working with Beccy to develop outdoor learning packs which are then provided by Wilko. Each school has also been having a make-over of their school grounds. Download the latest newsletter with all the information about what is happening.

Wilko School Grounds Project
March/April Newsletter



It has been another exciting couple of months for the School Grounds Project with all the schools getting their first instalment of kits which can be stored in their newly built, gorgeous looking, sheds! The schools have been thrilled to receive their Litter Picking kit, Maintenance kit and Sunflower growing kit and have been well and truly getting involved with creating the new kits, the Sunflower Growing kit was a wonderful suggestion by Ellesmere College and we are also now trialing a 'Grab and Go' kit which is part of the Maintenance kit and is an idea from Braunstone Community Primary School. It contains enough tools and gloves for a class of children to go out gardening and is easy to grab, and go!

In addition, the schools have been starting to work on their Eco-Schools Silver Award with the Eco-Committee's and myself delivering assemblies to inform and involve the whole school about the Eco-Schools program and the Wilko School Grounds Project. The response has been excellent with other departments getting involved particularly EVFS.



Mowmacre Primary Academy shed containing all their new Wilko kits



Wilko Grab and Go class gardening kits

Wilko Maintenance Kit

The maintenance kit has been the first kit for all schools and has been absolutely essential to our school grounds work with all schools having an area that was in need of being reclaimed from weeds, particularly brambles. It also enables schools to be able to continue to look after their school grounds which from what I have seen the children will be very keen to do! According to the Eco-Committee's, clearing weeds and cutting back bramble is "The most fun thing ever!" and the most popular questions is "When can we do this again!?"



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Wilko Sunflower Growing Kit





Mowmacre Hill Primary Academy planting their sunflowers

The sunshine has been perfectly timed for each school to get out and plant their sunflowers ready for the Wilko Sunflower growing competition! Holy from Wilko head office will be coming to judge who has the biggest sunflower later in the year so every member of the five schools Eco-Committee is busy tending to their sunflower and researching how to make it grow the tallest!



Sunflower Growing Kit

Wilko Healthy Living Kit



Woodstock are over the moon with their new raised beds and have been busy using them with their new Healthy Living kit. As well as planting their sunflowers they have planted Strawberries, Gooseberries, Blackberries, Rhubarb, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Basil, Parsley and Chives!





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