



Leicester news

September 2018

What is Eco-Schools Leicester?

Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education Coordinator based in the Energy and Sustainability 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 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. There are so many things happening this term I don't know where to start! As always we will be running our Eco-Schools roadshow in the second half-term, so get your group booked soon to avoid disappointment. We will also be hosting our first sustainable schools celebration evening which will be attended by Jeanette Orrey, co-founder of Food for Life. Watch out for invites for nominees coming out in the next few weeks. Finally we are running lots of training opportunities, so take a look inside. **As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.**



How to find out more

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🌐 schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools

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Children from all over Leicester attended the Schools Ride Leicester including Hazel, Mellor, Sandfield Close and Belgrave St Peters CE Primary

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 which were **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 ten 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 ten 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 at a mutually agreed time.



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 **Friday 14 December 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

This term has been really busy so if I have missed you off the award list do let me know

Since July 2018

Recently registered or re-engaged
Ellesmere College

Green Flag Award

Catherine Junior School
Glebelands Primary School
Humberstone Junior School
Inglehurst Junior School
Kestrels' Field Primary School
Linden Primary School
Overdale Infant School
Rushey Mead Primary
Soar Valley College
Wyvern Primary School

Green Flag Renewal

Avenue Primary School
Scraptoft Valley Primary School
Whitehall Primary School

Correct as of 10/09/2018



I am the Lorax - 29 Sept 2018, 3-5pm

Come and hear a dramatic retelling of "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss – a story with Truffula Trees, Swammy Swans and knitted Thneeds; a story which will make you laugh and cry at the same time; a story which calls us to care for our planet; a story about who we are and who we want to be.

Come and sit under the trees in Abbey Park and let the wonderful rhymes and rhythms surround you and then use your imagination and passion to be creative in response.

Suitable for ages 5-11. Meet next to the café in the park. Parents must stay with children. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/events/244500739683191/>

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

Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School
ALP Leicester
Catherine Infant School
Dovelands Primary School
English Martyrs Catholic School
Evington Valley Primary School
Falcon's Primary School
King Richard III Infant and Nursery School
Medway Community Primary School

Northfield House Primary School
Shenton Primary School
Slater Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Mary's Fields School
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
West Gate School
Wolsey House Primary School
Woodstock Primary School



Silver Award

Al Aqsa School
Babington Community Technology College
Belgrave St Peter's C.E. (VA) Primary School*
Braunstone Frith Primary School
Coleman Primary School*
Caldecote Community Primary School
Eyes Monsell Primary School
Folville Junior School
Fosse Primary School*
Fullhurst Community College
Green Lane Infant School*
Hazel Primary School and Community Centre
Highfields Primary School
Land of Learning Nursery and Primary School

Madani Boys School
Madani Girls School
Moat Community College
Montrose School
New College Leicester
Queensmead Primary School
Rolleston Primary School*
Rowlatts Hill Primary School
Sir Jonathan North Community College
St Paul's Catholic School
Thurnby Lodge Primary School
Tudor Grange Samworth Academy
Willowbrook Primary School

**due to be Green Flag assessed September 2018*



Green Flag

Avenue Primary School
Bridge Junior School
Catherine Junior School
Charnwood Primary School
Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Forest Lodge Primary School
Glebelands Primary School
Hamilton Academy
Humberstone Junior School
Inglehurst Junior School
Kestrels' Field Primary School
Linden Primary School
Marriott Primary School
Mayflower Primary School

Mellor Community Primary School
Overdale Infant School
Overdale Junior School
Parks Primary School
Rushey Mead Academy
Rushey Mead Primary School
Sandfield Close Primary School
Scraptoft Valley Primary School
Shaftesbury Community Junior School
Soar Valley College
Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
Stokes Wood Primary School
Whitehall Primary School
Willowbank School - Children's Hospital School
Wyvern Primary School

Dates for your diary – Eco events



Event	Event Summary	Further details (date/time/location)
Eco-Schools Roadshow	An opportunity to bring your eco-team to interactive workshops on projects which can be run back in school. Roadshows will run at schools across the city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 31 October 2018 9.15am-12.30pm Soar Valley College • Friday 2 November 2018 9.15-12.30pm Rushey Mead Academy • Wednesday 7 November 2018 9.15-12.30 Fullhurst Community College • Tue 13 November 2018 9.15-12.30pm English Martyrs' School • Wed 5 December 2018 9.15am-12.30pm Moat Community College
Sustainable School Celebration	Do you have a student, parent or volunteer who raises the profile of sustainable activities. Nominate them for the sustainable schools celebration now!	Tuesday 30 October 2018, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ 6.30pm, for 7pm start
Leicester Schools Environmental Education training	This training, delivered by Leicester City Council will support you as you with projects to achieve the Green Flag award as well as partnering with other schools to share ideas and potentially planning joint projects	Friday 9 November 2018 , 9.30am-3.30pm at Sandfield Close Primary School, Leicester
Governor training 'Environmental Education and Eco-Schools'	This training, delivered by Leicester City Council will support you understand the Green Flag award as well other exciting opportunities in Leicester City including the brand new air quality education programme.	Tuesday 6 November 2018 ,1.00pm-4.00pm at Forest Lodge Education Centre, Charnor Road, Leicester LE3 6LJ
#EcoTeachMeets	#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.	Monday 24 September 2018 4.00pm-5.30pm at Shaftesbury Junior School (field next to King Richard III Infants) Tuesday 29 January 2019 at English Martyrs Catholic School 4.00-5.30pm Tuesday 21May 2019 4.00pm-5.30pm at Graceworks, Evington (date TBC)
Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration event	An opportunity to showcase the fantastic work which Leicester Schools have done over the academic. Now in its fifth year, it is a real treat!	Thursday 20 June 2019 (all day) at City Hall, Leicester
Litter Less Campaign 2019	Participate in the city wide litter Less campaign with Keep Britain Tidy as part of their national Great British Spring Clean campaign	Event 22 March 2019 Abbey Park Training due to take place January 2019 (exact date to be confirmed)
Global Goals mini-showcase	Opportunity to showcase your amazing work around the Global Goals at the Highcross in a one off pop up shop during October half term	Wednesdays 24 October 2018 – 9-4pm Highcross Shopping Centre (exact time to be confirmed)



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)
Healthy Schools Network	For more information please contact Rebecca Partington Rebecca.partington@sdsa.net	Please see separate flyer for network meeting dates and twilights
Food for Life network meetings	Network meetings to share good practice and learn some amazing new skills! For more details please contact Lisa Didier ldidier@soilassociation.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates to be confirmed
Primary Science Network	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: seames@sandfield.leicester.sch.uk	<p>Thursday 11 October 2018 – Stokes Wood Primary School 4pm</p> <p>Future dates to be confirmed.</p>
Primary Chef of the Year competition	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: Andrew.Dexter@leicester.gov.uk	Tuesday 25 June 2019 (all day) Leicester City College
Energy Management in Schools Workshop	<i>Energy and water is one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing.</i> Leicester City Council has worked closely with De Montfort University to develop tools to empower staff and students to take control of their energy. <i>This free interactive & practical workshop will give you the tools to do this.</i>	Wednesday 3 October 2018 Rushey Mead Academy, Leicester 12.30-4pm
Edi-Net schools energy and water competition	Use the Edi-net tools to complete with other school in 3 energy and water saving competition during November 2018. Sign up today to participate	Monday 5 November 2018 – Friday 30 November 2018 (all online)
Grow Your Own Grub and Sunflower Competitions	Participate in the recently rebranded Grow Your Own Grub and Sunflower Growing competitions	Deadline for emailed entry Friday 14 December 2018



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#EcoTeachMeets

Leicester 2018/19



- **Monday 24 September 2018, 4.00pm-5.30pm** at Shaftesbury Junior School, on the 'field' (next to King Richard III Infant School)

NEW updates on the Eco-Schools Award • **BRAND NEW** Healthier Air for Leicester Schools • **LRWT Outdoor learning developments** • Opportunity to see Shaftesbury Junior School outdoor learning area • updates from Food for Life (Literacy and Numeracy resources) **book via** bit.ly/2wV6hmY

- **Tuesday 29 January 2019, 4.00pm-5.30pm** at English Martyrs' Catholic School, Anstey Lane, Leicester LE4 0FJ *TeachMeet presenting lots of different projects in the city including Air quality, sustainable transport, global learning, energy saving, recycling and projects being delivered by Leicester Schools – book a 5 or 8 minute slot to present* **Book via** bit.ly/2MfxKWm

- **Tuesday 21 May 2019, 4.00-5.30pm** at Graceworks, URC, The Common, Leicester, LE5 6EA *Interactive workshops on outdoor learning and environmental education* **Book via** bit.ly/2oRWFWF

#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 or 0116 454 2271



Supports the Eco-Schools awards as part of your evidence



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A NETWORK TO SUPPORT A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH 2018 - 2019

This year the programme includes the following events for up to 2 members of staff:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAMPIONS' CONFERENCES

These events are for your schools designated Health and Wellbeing Champion

Wednesday
10th October '18
at
College Court
9am - 12pm

Monday
25th March '19
at
Leicester Racecourse
9am - 3pm

Tuesday
25th June '19
at
Stamford Court
9am - 12pm

NETWORK MEETINGS

These meetings are open to any member of staff from your school including your designated Health and Wellbeing Champion



PERSONAL, SOCIAL & HEALTH EDUCATION (PSHE)

Thursday 15th November 2018
1.15pm - 3.15pm



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Tuesday 15th January 2019
3.30pm - 5.30pm



SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH (SEMH)

Thursday 14th February 2019
1.15pm - 3.15pm



HEALTHY EATING

Thursday 23rd May 2019
3.30pm - 5.30pm

This year we are also offering your designated Health and Wellbeing Champion the opportunity to obtain the **RSPH Level 2 Award in Understanding Health Improvement** on Thursday 29th November 2018, 9.00am - 4.15pm

For further information about joining the Network please contact Rebecca Partington by emailing rebecca.partington@sdsa.net



Free Trees for schools

A typical pack of 30 saplings

The Woodland Trust give away trees to schools and community groups across the UK every March and November (to coincide with tree-planting season).

They are ideal for gardening and nature clubs. They also help to improve your school grounds and encourage more wildlife to your local area. Discover other benefits of planting trees in your school grounds on the [Eco-Schools website](#).

Schools can apply for packs of 30, 105 or 420 saplings. You can apply each March and November for more trees, until your project is complete.

[Tree Tools for Schools](#) includes a planning tool to help you choose the right tree pack, planting and after-care advice, and interactive activities linked to the curriculum.



How to find out more

The Woodland Trust

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/schools/trees-for-schools



Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living, biodiversity and school grounds topics



Farmvention



Farmvention (when farming meets invention) is a national STEM competition run by the NFU aimed at primary school children launching this September. There are three exciting problem based challenges that can be entered by individual children or in teams. Designed to make children think about the day to day issues faced by farmers and growers in England and Wales, each challenge is supported by curriculum linked resources created in partnership with the Association for Science Education (ASE).

The overall winner will win the money can't buy experience of their school being turned into a farm for the day. Finalists will present their ideas at a prestigious event at the Houses of Parliament during British Science and Engineering Week 2019 as well as winning fully funded farm visits, robotics kits, data loggers and chef visits. All entrants will become certified 'farmventors' and receive a reward pack including a certificate and mini prize.

Deadline 21 December 2018

www.farmvention.com



Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living topic

What are the three Challenges?

Click on the challenges below for more information



Tractor of the future

Submit your entry



Happy, healthy hens

Submit your entry



A truly British snack

Submit your entry

Sustainable Schools Celebration

For the environment, our health and wellbeing

Tuesday 30 October 2018 • City Hall, Leicester

STUDENT, PARENT AND VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

***Do you have a student, parent or volunteer who... Spearheads recycling in school?
Raises awareness of litter? Participates in healthy cooking?
Always turns up to gardening club, no matter the weather?
Goes that extra mile to walk, cycle or scoot to school?***

Celebrate the dedication of your students, parents and volunteers by nominating them for the primary and secondary student, parent or volunteer categories of the brand new **celebration evening** at City Hall, Leicester

Shortlisted students, parents and volunteers will be invited to the evening celebration taking place at the Attenborough Hall, Leicester City Council, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ on **Tuesday 30 October 2018, starting at 7pm**

Schools can nominate as many students, parents and volunteers as they wish



To nominate a student, parent or volunteer please complete the [submission online](#) or email eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk including the following information:

- Student, parent or volunteer's name and school they attend or volunteer at
- Your name and contact email address
- Whether it's a primary, secondary, parent or volunteer entry
- The reason/s you have nominated them (maximum of 200 words)

Evening kindly supported by

The **co-operative**
Central England Co-operative



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City Council

**Deadline for
entries
28 September 2018**

Energy Management in Schools Workshop

Energy and water is one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing.

Leicester City Council has worked closely with De Montfort University to **develop tools to empower staff and students to take control** of their energy.

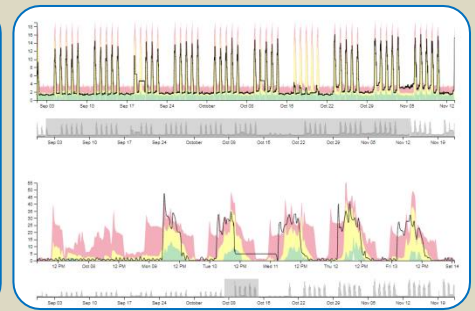
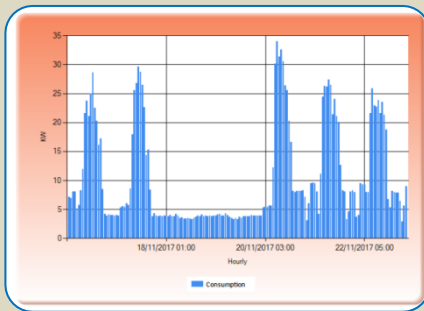
This free interactive & practical workshop will give you the tools to do this.

Wednesday 3 October 2018

12.30pm-4.00pm - Rushey Mead Academy, Leicester

Lunch will be provided from 12.30pm, with the workshop starting at 1.00pm

Who would benefit from this workshop: All school staff with an interest in energy management including school business managers, premises officers, facilities managers, site supervisors, teachers, senior leaders and Eco-Schools leads




Why attend?

- Learn how to access and use **DynamatLite**, the energy monitoring website used by Leicester City Council
- Learn how to use the **new and dynamic tools** from the **Edi-Net project** developed by De Montfort University
- Use **strategies & activities to engage** your staff and students to reduce your energy consumption
- **Network** with other colleagues, **Resources** and **freebies**
- Plan your **energy campaign**



Please bring a laptop or tablet with you

Supports your Eco-Schools energy topic 

This free event is **free and open to all schools in Leicester City**. You are encouraged to send 2 members of staff

To book your place please go to SchoolsEnergy.eventbrite.co.uk or Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk as soon as possible to confirm

Eco-Schools Governor Training 2018

In Leicester there are over 100 schools registered on the Eco-Schools programme with 75 at bronze, nearly 60 at silver and 35 Green Flags. This training, delivered by Leicester City Council will support you understanding the Green Flag award as well other exciting opportunities in Leicester City including the **brand new air quality education programme**

Tuesday 6 November 2018 Forest Lodge Education Centre, 49
1.00pm - 4.00pm Charnor Rd, Leicester LE3 6LJ

Free and open to all schools in Leicester City

Eco-Schools is a global programme which provides a framework for learning and action around 10 environmental topics. It is free to register for Eco-Schools and to apply for Bronze and Silver awards. A cost applies for Green Flag accreditation, however there are several sponsorship schemes in Leicester



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of the updated **Eco-Schools** criteria and **Air Quality Education programme**
- Understand the role of the **Eco-Schools link governor**
- Find out how your school can link with **Eco-Schools, air quality education and similar environmental programmes** local and nationally

Who would benefit from this course?

Any governors who have taken on the responsibility as Eco-Schools Environment link as well as those who are interested to find out more



Refreshments will be provided

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



WATER Poster Competition



Calling all Primary Schools!



The POWER project is launching a poster competition for primary schools in Leicester

The poster will be used to encourage primary school children to save water, understand flooding and reduce littering

Design Brief

- The design should stand out and represent one of the three topics:
1. Flooding 2. Saving water 3. Litter & Rivers
- Each design should help people to understand the risk, benefits and what they can do to stop the problem.
- Each design should include the young person's first name, school and age (and key stage) on the back.
- The poster design should be landscape not portrait.

Winners will have their posters printed as a banner which can be displayed at your school!



Deadline for entries: 5pm on the 14 December 2018

Winning presentations: 22 March 2019

Entries are to be uploaded on the Leicester Water Community website under the challenge titled "Poster Competition" or emailed to: flooding@leicester.gov.uk They can also be posted to **POWER School poster competition, City Highway Section, 90 Leycroft Road, Leicester, LE4 1BZ**

Schools are asked to send a maximum of 5 entries for both KS1 and KS2



Eco-Schools Network Training 2018

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**Friday 9 November 2018 Sandfield Close Primary School,
9.30am -3.30pm Leicester, LE4 7RE**

Free and open to all schools in Leicester City

Eco-Schools is a global programme which provides a framework for learning and action around 10 environmental topics. It is free to register for Eco-Schools and to apply for Bronze and Silver awards. A cost applies for Green Flag accreditation, however in Leicester there are several sponsorship schemes.



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of the updated **Eco-Schools** criteria and **Global Goals for Sustainable Development**
- Identify ways of engaging the whole school community, including potential barriers and how to remove them
- Develop new **campaigns** and identify ways of promoting sustainability in school
- Find out about local and national **projects** and how to get involved

Who would benefit from this course?

All school staff with an interest in environmental education - heads, deputy heads, assistant heads, classroom teachers, TAs, support staff, premises officers, business managers, even KS4/KS5 students who are leading a group!



Refreshments and lunch will be provided

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

Leicester Parks' Anti-Graffiti Project



We are inviting 13-19 years olds in Leicester Schools to participate in a fully funded anti-graffiti project

Up to 10 schools and colleges will work with a Environmental Rangers at Leicester City Council to design and paint a mural which will cover an area of graffiti in a Leicester Park or open space



Project details

- Schools and colleges in Leicester are invited to participate with **students aged 13-19.**
- **Up to 10 schools** and educational settings can participate in this project
- The project will take place during **this academic year** (exact dates to be confirmed)
- The project will be **fully funded, however schools will need to transport students** (ideally sites will be within walking distance)
- Maximum **group size is 40 students**
- This project would be of particular interest to **art students** however it would work extremely well with an environmental group or Eco-team



Supports your Eco-Schools award  Eco-Schools

This project is completely free and only open to ten schools

Please email Neil Harris, Environmental Ranger at Leicester City Council, Neil.Harris@leicester.gov.uk as soon as possible to confirm your interest

Eco-Schools Roadshow 2018

Following last year's success, Leicester City Council will again be hosting a series of mini-conferences in the autumn 2018 term – **book now to avoid disappointment!**

Wednesday 31 October 2018 **Soar Valley College**

Friday 2 November 2018 **Rushey Mead Academy**

Wednesday 7 November 2018 **Fullhurst Community College**

Tuesday 13 November 2018 **English Martyrs' School**

TBC

Wednesday 5 December 2018 **Moat Community College**

Each event will run from approx. 9.15am-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 15 students to attend. Further details will be provided on booking.



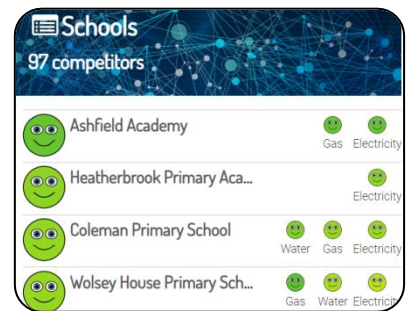
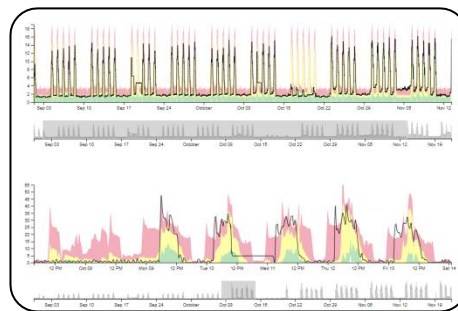
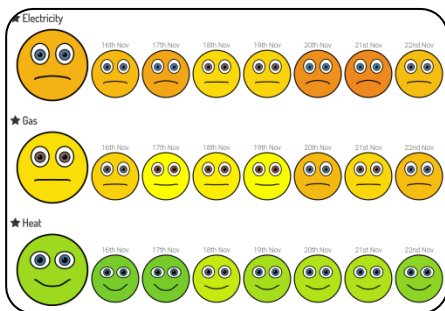
To book your school place please email Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 2271 as soon as possible to confirm

School EDI-Net Competition

Monday 5 November – Friday 30 November 2018

Energy and water is one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing. Leicester City Council has been working closely with De Montfort University to **develop tools to empower staff and students to take control** of their energy

We are encouraging all schools (where possible) to participate in the EDI-Net competitions



Why participate?

- Use the Edi-net tools to save energy and money
- Use as a way to **engage the whole school** and Use as a **launch pad** for other energy saving campaigns such as **Switch Off Fortnight (taking place in November 2018)**

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Eco-Schools
energy topic  Eco-Schools

Competition 1 – World cup style – compete in week 1 with up to 5 other schools, top 2 move into the next week. *Overall winner is top of the final league table (week 4)*

Competition 2 – Over the entire month, gain points on a daily basis. *Winner is the school with the least points at the end of the month.*

Competition 3 – 3 energy saving days! *Whoever appears at the top at the end of the day will be the winner (results can be found the next day)* Energy saving days are **Thursday 8 November, Tuesday 20 November, Friday 30 November**

Edi-net uses smart energy and water data to show improvements in usage based on your own historical data. A reduction since this time last year will show greener faces, an increase since last year will show redder faces. External factors such as external temperature are taken into account.

Smiley faces are calculated on a daily basis and so any changes will be seen the following day



This event is free **open to all schools in Leicester City** who have access to smart meter data
To check go to <https://dashboard.edi-net.eu/p/o/leicester-city-council/tbl/51>

To participate please email eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

Air Quality Education for Leicester

Make a difference to air quality in and around your school



Air Pollution

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



What is the air quality education programme?

Air quality education will be delivered through a **free tailored programme of activity and links into the national curriculum**

We offer one-to-one support and guidance, with the option of sessions led by the air quality education officer. Tools and resources will be available for teachers to incorporate activities into your lesson plans

Healthier air for Leicester schools award

Awards are linked to school projects you may already be participating in across Eco-Schools, Living Streets, School Run Parking and Sustrans. e.g. Sustrans Big Pedal, and the Living Streets' walk to school project. Offering a unique opportunity to explore air pollution and change the behaviour of the whole school community

Get involved:

- ☁ learn about air pollution and air quality around your school
- ☁ assemblies to raise awareness
- ☁ curriculum linked activities
- ☁ outdoor learning
- ☁ after school clubs
- ☁ school community events for parents and children
- ☁ training opportunities for school staff
- ☁ access to universities, other charities and organisations
- ☁ access to funding for activity and resource development

For more information please contact:

Danni Kennell

Education Officer (Air Quality)

☎ 07732 603 694

✉ danielle.kennell@Leicester.gov.uk



Healthier
AIR
for Leicester



Eco-Schools Assessor Training



Once again we are running Eco-Schools assessor training here in Leicester. This will take place on **Tuesday 11 December 2018 between 9.30-3pm**

When schools submit their Green Flag application a volunteer assessor visits for 1-2 hours to assess their application. This days volunteer training will enable volunteers to carry out the assessor visits.

Once the assessor training has been completed, assessors are asked to visit at least 2 schools who have submitted their Green Flag application within 12 months. The course is perfect for people interested in supporting Leicester schools as well as school staff delivering Eco-Schools as it gives you a really good insight into how the award works.

Further information can be found at <https://eco-schools.org.uk/about-us/volunteer>

FSC Friday



Supports several of the Eco-Schools topics

Friday 28th of September 2018 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>



Pen Recycling Scheme

Leicester Schools recently started to participate in the BIC Terracycle recycle scheme. Students collect old pens and writing instruments. They are then collected by COG who use the funds to help develop their social enterprise supporting Leicester students. The scheme is great as pens are usually not easily recyclable because they are made of several materials. Although launched earlier last term it is ongoing this term.

Schools can also use the scheme as part of their monitoring by simply counting how many pens they collect each week, month or half term!

To participate in this term's scheme please email the address.



How to find out more

COG Youth

<http://therightcog.com/>

info@therightcog.com

[Leicester extranet – waste page](#)



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7,000 spaces
£3.60 (inc VAT)
per child



Book now to
avoid
disappointment
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Food & Farming Day

Friday 28 June 2019

East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE



"Wow, what an amazing day we all had. The children were buzzing and fully engaged in the learning experiences for the whole day, they didn't want to leave. The Kids Country team are dedicated to making learning fun and accessible. We can't wait for next year's Food and Farming Day!" -

Croyland Primary School

What's on Offer?

The Kids Country Food & Farming Day aims to teach children where food comes from and the importance of agriculture and the countryside, through interactive learning experiences

Just £3.60 (inc VAT) per child



"The day was excellent for our SEN students, they enjoyed the interactive activities such as planting seeds, exploring vegetables through touch and being able to climb into a combine harvester. It's educational and entertaining." - Garth CIT

Huge range of activities designed to ensure a fun and interactive learning experience

Hands-on demonstrations and talks from leading industry suppliers and experts in the field

Children can engage with livestock, learn new skills and understand the farm to fork adventure

Exciting competitions to enter

Event incorporates key elements of the national curriculum for Key Stages 1 and 2

Associated project work is available for classroom preparation and follow up



Book now to avoid disappointment!

Email: stauridsen@eastofengland.org.uk

Tel: 01733 363514

Community Food Growing in Schools



Help is now available to selected schools across the City with setting up and maintaining school food gardens via the Community Food Growing programme (part of the Leicester City Food Plan). No matter how large or small your available space or how much prior experience you have, growing food in your school grounds is an invaluable addition to your outdoor curriculum provision and encourages an awareness of the importance of healthy eating. Samantha Woods, an experienced community food grower, has recently joined the team at The Conservation Volunteers and will be available to offer free advice on all stages of getting your school -grown food from plot to plate, how to grow crops that will be available in term time and how to engage your pupils in growing and cooking their own produce.

Sam will be working alongside the existing Food for Life and Eco Schools programmes but offering more in-depth assistance with the creation of productive food gardens.



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How to find out more

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Fishkeeper Fry Project

Fishkeeper Fry is a short video-led course which has been designed and produced in line with core primary curriculum science themes by a team of expert fishkeepers to inspire and educate primary school children in the art and science of fish and fishkeeping.

All the livestock, guides and videos that make up the lessons within the programme are provided by the specialists at Maidenhead Aquatics, completely free of charge to the schools chosen to participate, and sponsorship from popular aquatic brands Fluval and API means that each school class that participates in the programme will receive all the equipment they need to set up their aquarium.

All we ask in return is that those classes who are selected to take part share their experience with us as they go on their journey of discovery, in the form of journals, artwork and photos that we can use to share with our social and website audiences



To participate in this project follow the link to www.fishkeeper.co.uk/fishkeeperfry



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New £25 million funding programme for maintained schools

Interest free funding available for maintained schools over the next 2 years



Salix and the Department for Education have launched a pilot scheme for maintained schools looking to install energy efficiency measures over the summer of 2018. This pilot comes as a first step towards delivering £25 million of funding over a 2 year period, which aims to help schools lower energy bills, save carbon and create a more comfortable working environment.

Maintained schools are welcome to apply online for Salix interest-free funding. The payback period of this loan is calculated through the estimated energy savings resulting from installing new technologies. Where schools would like additional help in outlining projects, Salix is able to provide an energy efficiency survey via our award winning Switching to Low Energy (SLE) scheme. This scheme is designed to help schools reduce their energy spend to the lowest possible level.

The pilot is an opportunity for works to be completed for schools over the summer holidays, to avoid disruption in term time, and will also provide excellent learning going forward.

During the past year, Salix has worked with more than 500 schools and colleges to save on their energy bills and carbon footprint. This new pilot programme means that Salix will be able work with a projected 1,000 schools across the country*.

Most Common Energy Efficient Technologies in Schools

- ✓ Boiler Upgrades
- ✓ Building Energy Management Systems
- ✓ Computer and IT Equipment
- ✓ Heating improvements
- ✓ Insulation Upgrades
- ✓ Kitchen Equipment
- ✓ LED Lighting
- ✓ Solar PV



Support for over
100 technologies



Save money
on energy bills



Improved learning
environment



Reduced CO₂
emissions



Five simple steps to apply

- 1 Visit salixfinance.co.uk and go to the 'maintained schools' section
- 2 Create an account
- 3 Complete the application form
- 4 Submit your application online
- 5 Salix will undertake a technical assessment and award funding

To apply or for more info, please contact
schoolsapplication@salixfinance.co.uk or 020 3102 6903

*This figure is based on an average maintained school project size of £25,000.

Walk Leicester

Encouraging walking as part of an active lifestyle

The Leicester Walking project provides short group walks in the city, encouraging adults to get more active by exploring the city on foot. The walks are free to attend and led by friendly project staff and trained walk volunteers. The Leicester Walking project can work directly with community groups and this offer is now open to schools who are interested in setting up walking groups for their parents. The aim is to support parents in an active lifestyle and encourage them to make more sustainable journeys on foot - a message which links with campaigns to combat school-run parking and traffic congestion in the city. Group walks are very sociable and can help participants feel more confident and motivated to get active and keep active.

“This group is amazing, I love it... first I was really slow but [I’ve] now built so much confidence in myself”.

“I hardly walk, so this has got me and my family to become more active during the weekends”.

The project delivers group walks for parents once-a-week for four weeks, led by project staff/ walk volunteers. Walks last between 45 - 60 minutes, starting at the school in the morning (after drop-off) or alternatively at 2pm (before collection), whichever option is most popular with parents. After the initial four weeks, interested parents attend a walk leader mini-training session to enable them to keep their group walking as a self-led group. To find out if your school is within the funded area and express interest, please contact Sara Coy sara.coy@leicester.gov.uk / 0116 373 7589.

A number of free walks are available for the public to join this summer, including the “Be a Sky Walker” family quiz trail on Monday 23 July. This self-guided quiz trail starts at Town Hall Square and finishes at New Walk Museum, where there is a free exhibition of Star Wars themed toys and memorabilia. Walk times and details can be found at: www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/events



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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 40 schools have already participated in the programme. To sign up register your interest at www.lessco2.org.uk, or for more information locally please contact Lee Jowett lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk

The next Leicester cluster will start in Autumn 2018.



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



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How to find out more

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Hold Tight! ...3 steps to stopping balloon litter

1. Sign Up for your FREE Key Stages 1 & 2 Hold Tight! education pack

The Hold Tight! resources have everything you need to learn about and take action against balloon litter, plastic litter and its impact on our environment. These resources can be adapted to meet the needs of individual groups or classes, and can be delivered as part of an assembly, classroom session or workshop.

2. Hold Tight!

Explore with your students, groups and children the activities within the Hold Tight! resource pack. Activities include scientific experiments, learning about alternatives, story telling and display making. You will also receive a Hold Tight! presentation to help you deliver the Hold Tight! messages to groups big and small.

3. Share and amplify

Pass on your Hold Tight! story. Tell others what you have learnt and what you would say to someone if you thought they were about to let go of a balloon. These resources can be used by anyone and everyone, wherever you are so spread the word. #holdtight



How to find out more

Hold Tight Education

www.cleancornwall.org/holdtight.php



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litter topic



Leicester's River Monster

A river monster made out of discarded plastic was launched on the River Soar during August 2018. The River Monster project has seen volunteers from across the city collecting waste plastic from local waterways to create a Loch Ness style 'Leicester Wyvern' that will float at various locations along the river until October.

Plastic was collected by volunteers including Leicester Environmental Volunteers, staff from Leicester City Council and Leicester City Football Club, and young people from the National Citizenship Service, Leicester College and South Leicestershire College.

Several schools will visit the sculpture and educational activities including Hazel, Slater and Fosse Primary Schools.



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15-24 Sept – Soar Lane (Evan's Weir) • 25 Sept-3 Oct King Power Stadium
(Freemen's Weir) • 5-15 October (Aylestone Mill) Aylestone Mill Lock