

Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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March 2019

Dear Nimisha,

Welcome to the **March Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin**. There are lots of things going on, including:

- [Beat the Street](#) – a brand new health initiative for Leicester Schools - **13 March – 24 April 2019**
- [Food for Life and Eco-Schools celebration](#) – save the date and book your school group now – **14 June 2019**
- [Great Big School Clean](#) - **22 March - 23 April 2019** – don't forget to sign up today
- [Earth Hour 2019](#) – **30 March 2019** – take part at home and promote to parents
- [Fairtrade Fortnight](#) – still time to enter the competition

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

[Beat the Street](#)

Leicester is going to be transformed into a giant game with **Beat The Street** commencing on 13th March through to 24th April. Beat the Street is a fun free activity where people are rewarded with points and prizes for exploring their town on foot or bicycle.

Sixty special sensors called 'Beat Boxes' will appear near your school and across central and North Leicester. Players tap the Beat Boxes with cards and fobs to track their journey and earn points for themselves and their team – the more Beat Boxes people swipe during a journey, the more points they earn!



This is total free (funded by public health) to sign up and receive free cards and fobs.

Download the flyer by clicking on the [poster opposite](#).

If you would like your school to take part, please email: Ben Taylor on ben.taylor@intelligenthealth.co.uk
Tel: 0118 9357371



How to play

Get ready
Children 11 and under play with a Beat the Street fob. Adults play with a Beat the Street card. Register online at beatthestreet.maleicester. Pick up a map to find Beat Boxes across Leicester and plan your journeys. The game will run from 13 March – 24 April 2019.

Play the game
Find two or more Beat Boxes near to you on the map. Start your journey by going to your first Beat Box. Tap the Beat Box with your card or fob until it beeps and flashes. Walk, cycle, run or scoot to a different Beat Box within an hour. Tap the Beat Box with your card or fob until it flashes to score 10 points. Now carry on your journey and score more points for each extra Beat Box you tap.

Win Beat the Street
There's more than £4,000 worth of prizes to be won. The top five community groups and schools at the end of the game will win prizes. Registered players can also win weekly Lucky Tap prizes such as vouchers and Beat the Street goodies for playing.

Hints and tips
Register to join a team, track your points and win prizes. Help your team by getting friends and family to join in – for their cards and maps can be found at distribution points across Leicester. Play Beat the Street on your way to school, work or play on weekends. Keep track of your points and team's position at beatthestreet.maleicester. Follow Beat the Street Leicester on social media to find out about extra events, bonus points and even more prizes.

Full details on events, bonus boxes and TGCS on beatthestreet.maleicester

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[Ride Leicester Schools Ride 2019](#)

Ride Leicester Schools Ride is a mass participation bike ride for up to 500 pupils and marks the launch of Ride Leicester Festival Promotions. It is the largest schools' ride in the UK and a unique celebration of bikeability cycle training. Click on the link above to find out more and confirm your school's place. The Leicester Schools Ride will take place on **Friday 5 July 2019**.



To find out more or to confirm a place for your school please email nimisha.mistry@leicester.gov.uk no later than **Friday 12 April 2019**.

[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.

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).

Deadline for school entry 31 May 2019

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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
- Litter
- Waste
- Transport
- Water
- School Grounds
- Healthy Living
- Global Citizenship

Entries for the Eco-School 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 - 7pm.

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 2271

Lisa Didier, Soil Association Food for Life
ldidier@soilassociation.org 07718 570945

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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 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 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 B4.2 for their bronze award. We share Food for Life learning with local schools, the wider community and other partners.

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Earth Hour 2019 – Saturday 30 March 2019

Starting as a symbolic lights out event in Sydney in 2007, Earth Hour is now the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment, inspiring millions of people to take action for our planet and nature.

The event is held annually encouraging individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour. Although Earth Hour is on a Saturday night it's a great way to raise awareness with parents,

THIS EARTH HOUR
#CONNECT2EARTH

SWITCH OFF AT
30 MARCH 2019
8:30PM

60+
EARTH HOUR

families and the wider community.

Why not put something in your school newsletter, social media or website. We are encouraging all of Leicester to use the hashtag **#EarthHourLeicester**.

[Design a building of the Future](#)

University College of Estate Management are running a secondary school competition (categories Y7 & 8, Y9 & Y10) for students to design a building of the future.

You will need to provide us with a drawing of your Building of the Future, annotated with details of its sustainable features. To ensure we're all on the same page, a 'building' is a structure with walls and a roof that stands in one place. Your building could range from a library or a social club to a home or school.

Top prize is a trip the the BRE Innovation Park. Arcadis are very keen to support this competition. If you are interested in participating and would like support from specialists at Arcadis who design and develop buildings please email parvinder.khalsa@arcadis.com

Please note the deadline for the competition is **29 March 2019**

REMINDER: [Create a Con 2019](#)

[Saturday 9 March 2019 11am-4pm](#)

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.

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#WhatWillYouCreate?

Free tickets:
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SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHS

WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?

FREE STEM EVENT @ LCB DEPOT, RUTLAND ST
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SideFest STEM
#BSW19 STEM
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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.

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



Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 – ends Sunday 10 March 2019

Fairtrade Fortnight is well underway and schools across the country are donning aprons for bake-offs and inviting family and friends to join them for Fairtrade assemblies and pop-up cafes! **This year's theme is Cocoa – and we all love chocolate!**

If you have taken part in Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 don't forget to enter the Leicester Fairtrade Schools competition. Information can be downloaded on the flyer and application form online. There are first, second and third prizes kindly donated by the Central England Cooperative.

Deadline for submitting your

Fairtrade project write up is **12**
April 2019. Download the
[application form](#) here.

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