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



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 cyde 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.u k no later than **Friday 12 April 2019.**



Eco-Schools and Food for Life
Celebration – De Montfort
University, 14 June 2019

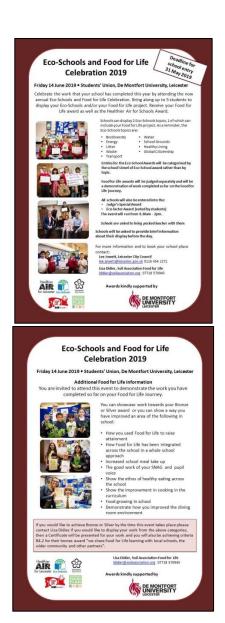
Celebrate the work that your school has completed this year by attending the 5th annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration.

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.



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,



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.

Create A Confeatures 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



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.



<u>Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 –</u> <u>ends Sunday 10 March 2019</u>

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



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