Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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October 2019

Welcome to the October Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin. Lots of things happening before and after half term.

- **THIS WEEK** #EcoTeachMeet Thursday 3 October 2019, 4.00pm-5.30pm at Wolsey House Primary School, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BB - book via <u>bit.ly/2kaj0A4</u>
- **LAST CHANCE TO JOIN** Litter Less Campaign now in our third year training 1 November 2019
- **DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING** The Sea Starts Here plastic pollution competition Deadline Friday 11 October 2019
- Eco-Schools Roadshow various dates, October-November 2019
- Energy monitoring training Tuesday 22 October
- Governor training Tuesday 22 October 2019
- Schools Assembly for Young People on the Climate Emergency in Leicester Wednesday 20 November 2019

If you would like to sign up to any events or would like further information just send me an email. As always, if you need any help or support email or contact me, many thanks, Lee

#EcoTeachMeets in Leicester

Learn about all the latest environmental activities happening both in the city and nationally.

Thursday 3 October 2019, 4.00pm-5.30pm at Wolsey House Primary School, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BB - book via bit.ly/2kaj0A4 Please note the school car park

gates are locked until 3.30pm due to children leaving via the driveway.

Tuesday 11 February 2019, 4.00pm-5.30pm at New College Leicester, Glenfield Road, Leicester LE3 6DN *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 <u>bit.ly/2lLFeIQ</u>

- Tuesday 5 May 2020, 4.00-5.30pm at Nether Hall School, Keyham Lane West, Leicester LE5 1RT *Book via bit.ly/2IAD13b*

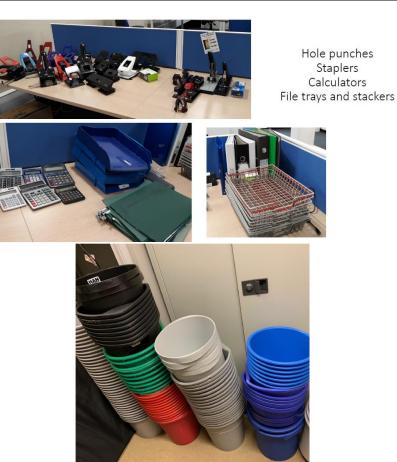
If you would like to present something you have done in school that would be great - otherwise just come along to learn something new! All school staff and like-minded organisations are welcome to come along! Book your place by <u>following</u> <u>the links in the newsletter.</u>

Stationary and bins

We have several pieces of stationary and bins which are available on a first come first basis (and will need to be collected).

If you are interested, please email <u>eco-</u> schools@leicester.gov.uk

- 20 hole punches
- 10 staplers (various)
- Calculators, folders and in-trays
- Blue, black, red & green bins (grey bins already taken)



Eco-Schools Roadshow dates

All the dates for the roadshow are now available. Email to confirm your group (maximum of 15 students) and the risk assessment, parental letters and further information will be sent on return. Workshop names and providers will be available soon.

- Wednesday 30 October 2019 – Soar Valley College
- Tuesday 5 November English Martyrs' School
- Friday 8 November Moat Community College
- Tuesday 12 November-Rushey Mead Academy
- Friday 29 November Fullhurst Community College (Fosse site)

Email

<u>lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk</u> with which date you would like to attend.

Eco-Schools Roadshow 2019

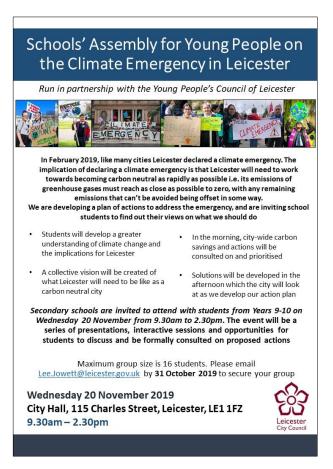


Schools' Assembly for Young People on the Climate Emergency in Leicester

In February 2019, like many cities Leicester declared a climate emergency. The implication of declaring a climate emergency is that Leicester will need to work towards becoming carbon neutral as rapidly as possible i.e. its emissions of greenhouse gases must reach as close as possible to zero, with any remaining emissions that can't be avoided being offset in some way.

We are developing a plan of actions to address the emergency and are inviting school students to find out their views on what we should do.

Secondary schools are invited to attend with students from Years 9-10 on Wednesday 20 November from 9.30am to 2.30pm. The event will be a series of presentations, interactive sessions and opportunities for students to discuss



Energy monitoring and Salix Finance in Schools

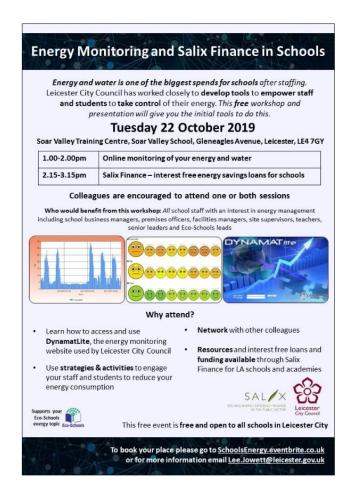
Energy and water is one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing. Leicester City Council has worked closely to develop tools to empower staff and students to take control of their energy. This free workshop and presentation will give you the initial tools to do this.

Tuesday 22 October 2019 - Soar Valley Training Centre, Soar Valley School, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester, LE4 7GY

- 1.00-2.00pm Online monitoring of your energy and water
- 2.15-3.15pm Salix Finance

 interest free energy savings loans for schools

To book your place on one of both sessions, please go to <u>SchoolsEnergy.eventbrite.co.uk</u>



Air Quality and Environmental Education support in Leicester Schools - Governor Training 2019

All schools in Leicester are offered free environmental and air quality education opportunities to support teaching and learning in and outside of the classroom, offer practical activities and campaigns to raise awareness

Tuesday 22 October 2019 – 10am-12noon – Soar Valley Training Centre, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester, LE4 7GY

To book please email <u>lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk</u>

LAST CHANCE Litter Less 2019-20

The Litter Less Campaign, led by Eco-Schools aims to reduce litter and affect long-term behaviour change through implementing a waste management system, which involves the whole school. Participating schools <u>must</u> participate for two academic years (2019/20 and 2020/21)

Why participate?

- Use strategies & activities to engage your staff and students to reduce litter in and around the school ground
- Receive funding to run a campaign and litter pick in and around your school grounds
- Learn how to apply for the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award and use project evidence to support this

Further information is available in the September Eco-Schools newsletter.





The Sea Starts Here

Leicester City Council has launched a design competition for all schools in Leicester. The design will be used to create a stencil which will be used around drains in Leicester

'The Sea Starts Here Campaign' aims increase awareness within to schools and their wider community on the impacts of single use plastics. Reducing the impact of single use plastics via stencilling around drains, awareness posters, litter picks, recycling and single use plastic reduction initiatives.

Further information and a classroom poster can be downloaded from the Schools extranet page by following this link.



Free wildflower seed to make your own Pollinator Patch

Leicester City Council has free wildflower seed kits to produce your very own wildflower patch in school. The kits come with enough seed to create a 10m² area.

The packs also come with planting information and top tips.

To order your pack and information please email ecoschools@leicester.gov.uk

The packs can be planted in October or in early Spring.

1:Pick an appropriate area te needs to be in a sunny s ny spot and quite low in nutrient as big or small as you want dep below). The size can be ow you can maintain it. any big weeds such as do is short and then remove ea is already gra ttles, cut back th

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germinated and the grasses have reached o iid-August. This will help to knock back the ur . To keep the patch low in nutrients and ex-suffinas. hen the tlowers room ally from mid-July to m for next year.



Creating Your Pollinator Patch







Growing Skills, Building Futures Enstruct Training is working in partnership with Trees for Cities again this Winter. Would you like to improve your school grounds for people, wildlife and the climate? The trees are free and come with a member of Enstruct staff to help your pupils plant the trees and they provide all tools, equipment and risk/benefit assessments. The school pays nothing. Planting days start with an assembly about the importance of trees then each class comes outside for about 40 minutes and every child in the school can be involved with the planting. The trees are currently about 50cm tall and will "wear" biodegradable guards for the first 3 years or so. If your school already has a wooded area which is used regularly, you may like to consider extending it to allow for rotation in the future.

If you can set aside a tennis court-sized area (of any shape, including a row along a fence line,) to be a Forest of the Future and commit to leaving it there then do let Enstruct know ASAP by e-mailing <u>bethan@enstructtraining.co.uk</u> or calling 07398 777691.

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