Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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September 2019

Welcome to the **September Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin** and the **first** of this academic year! The main feature of this bulletin is the termly newsletter which contains a mammoth number of events, activities, projects and competitions.

<u>Graduate Project Officer Post</u> we are recruiting for a project officer – environmental education, to work with me on Eco-Schools work here in Leicester. Graduates needs to have recently graduated with a 2:2 degree or above in either an environment related subject or educational studies/PGCE. The deadline for application is Tuesday 24 September 2019. Please do share.

- Eco-Schools Roadshow various dates, October-November 2019
- Citizens' Assembly for Schools on the Climate Emergency in Leicester Wednesday 20 November 2019
- Leicester Climate Strike and what you could do in school Friday 20 September 2019
- Litter Less Campaign now in our third year training 1 November 2019
- Energy monitoring training Tuesday 22 October
- Governor training Tuesday 22 October 2019
- Earthwatch and Air Quality education primary and secondary science CPD 30 September 2019
- The Sea Starts Here plastic pollution competition Deadline Friday 11 October 2019

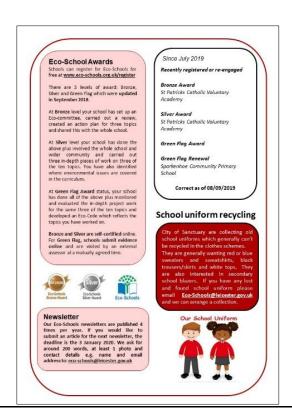
If you would like to sign up to any events or would like further information, just send me an email. As always, if you need any help or support email or contact me, many thanks, Lee

September 2019 - Eco-Newsletter

A bumper packed newsletter with all the latest information and events taking place.

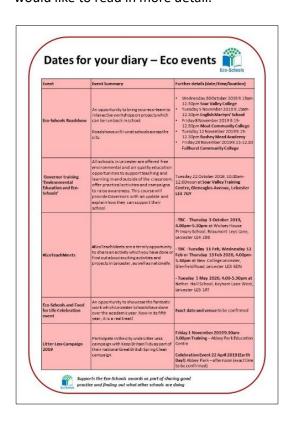
Download the <u>newsletter</u> following the link above.





Dates for your diary

We've put together all the major events taking place in Leicester during the academic year. It is in the schools' newsletter if you would like to read in more detail.





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 lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk with which date you would like to attend.

Citizens' Assembly for Schools on the **Climate Emergency in Leicester**

In February 2019, like many cities Leicester declared a climate emergency. 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 and be formally consulted on proposed actions

Eco-Schools Roadshow 2019

Following last year's success, Leicester City Council will again be hosting a series of mini-conferences in the autumn 2019 term - book now to avoid disappointment!

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Why attend?

- ain a greater understanding of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and Eco-Schools topics
 - schools and learn about their environmental projects
- ways of promoting sustainability in school · Develop new campaigns and identify
 - Find out about local and national projects and how to get involved

· Opportunity to network with other

This free event is open to all registered Eco-Schools in Leicester, dary. 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

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- In the morning, city-wide carbon savings and active miglications for later. Students will develop a greater the implications for Leicester
 - consulted on and prioritised
- A collective vision will be created around the climate emergency and shared responsibility
- Solutions will be developed in the afternoon which the city will take forward in our action plan

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Maximum group size is 16 students. Please email Lee.Jowett@leicester.g v.uk by 31 October 2019 to secure your group

Tuesday 19 November 2019 City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ 9.30am - 2.30pm



Leicester Climate Strike

For the first time, adults are invited to join Leicester's #YouthStrike4Climate. Meet at the Clock Tower at 12 noon on 20th September. There will be a march to Jubilee Square to listen to speakers.

This is an ideal time to talk to your class or school about why people are striking. In school you could:

- Present in class or assembly using the PowerPoint which will be emailed about the strikes
- Support students to make their own 'in strike' during the day, so make banners and posters to use in the playground at lunchtime
- Put photos up on the school's website & social media accounts -Twitter/Facebook and tag @EcoSchoolLCC
- Create actions that the students will do themselves
- Commit to actions in school e.g. switching to renewable energy suppliers
- Meet as an eco/environment team to look at what they are doing in school for the climate emergency with the senior teachers/head

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#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

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 sustainable transport, quality, 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/2ILFeIQ</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 following the links in the newsletter.

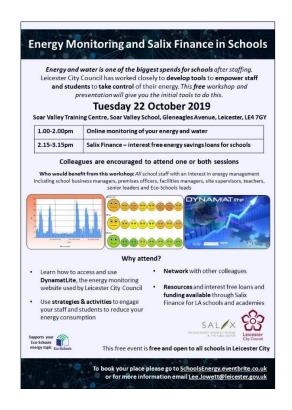
<u>Energy monitoring and Salix Finance in</u> Schools

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 SchoolsEnergy.eventbrite.co.uk



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, LE4 7GY

To book please email lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk



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.

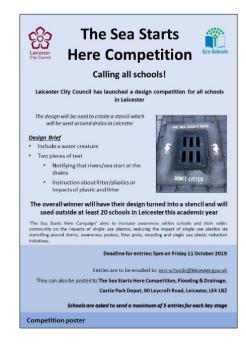


The Sea Starts Here

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 to increase awareness within 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 <u>Schools</u> extranet page by following this link.





BESS Energy and Water Management programme in Schools

With energy prices continually increasing and the recent news of our challenge of climate change and climate emergency which will ultimately affect all of us – we are offering a service to help you as a school reduce your energy and electricity bill.

The offer covers:

- Monitoring equipment installed and maintained throughout your subscription
- Access to online monitoring data of gas, water and electricity
- Identification and reporting of excessive use/wastage
- Development of heating policy to improve school wide savings
- Annual energy and carbon report with suggestions for improvements
- Follow up support in school (workshops, meetings, training)
- Regular updates via email and face to face briefings

For more information please download the <u>flyer</u>. To sign up please email <u>Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk</u>

BESS Energy and Water Management in Schools Worried about increasing energy costs? Wanting to save money and improve your environmental credentials? Energy and water is one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing. Leicester City Council has worked closely to develop an offer as part of the BESS schools to develop tools nd reports to empower staff and students to take control of their energy. What is included in the service ment installed and Development of heating policy to maintained throughout your improve school wide savings Annual energy and carbon report Access DynamatLite, the half hourly with suggestions for improvements energy and water monitoring website used by Leicester City Council for your . Follow up support in school own unique data (workshops, meetings, training) Identification and reporting of excessive • Regular updates via email and face to Strategies & activities to engage your Primary £750 staff and students to reduce your energy Secondary £1500 This offer is only available to schools This service will launch in September 2019 already part of the BESS Schools offer To provide Leicester with a high quality, eff.

Free Air quality and Earthwatch Training session at Sandfield Close Primary School – Monday 30 September 2019

Find out all about Earthwatch's brand new Naturehood Nine resources and how to encourage more wildlife into the school grounds.

Also learn about and take home resources for teaching air quality for both primary and secondary level.

This day course is a great way to top up your own science knowledge and supports a creative and innovative curriculum.

To book you place please email lee.jowett@leicester.gov.uk



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