

Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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July 2019

Welcome to the **July Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin** and the last of this academic year! The main feature of this bulletin is the termly newsletter which contains lots of celebration events taking place including:

- The Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration
- The Schools' Ride
- The Grow Your Own Grub winners announced

Have a relaxing break if you get the time off and look forward to working with you in the new academic year. **As always, if you need any help or support email or contact me, many thanks, Lee**

July 2019 Newsletter

A great celebration of all the eventing which have taken place this term including

- Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration
- Schools' Cycle ride
- Grow Your Own Grub winners
- Fairtrade Fortnight winners – Scraftoft Valley Primary School
- Eco-Schools national awards

Download the [newsletter](#) following the link above.

This is a screenshot of a newsletter page. At the top left is the 'Leicester news July 2019' logo with the Eco-Schools icon. The main content is divided into sections. The first section is titled 'What is Eco-Schools Leicester?' and contains text about the Environmental Education Coordinator and the program's benefits. Below this is a photo of three children holding a large blue banner with a colorful design. The second section is titled 'How to find out more' and lists contact information for Lee Jowett, the Environmental Education Coordinator, including his address, email, social media handles, and phone number. To the right of the text is a vertical column of four photos: the top one shows a group of people holding a 'Litter Less Campaign' sign; the second shows a group of people standing together; the third shows a group of people sitting at a table; and the bottom one shows a large group of people sitting at a round table. At the bottom right of the newsletter page is a green button that says '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 2018.

At **Bronze** level your school has set up an Eco-committee, carried out a review, created an action plan for three topics 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 three in-depth pieces of work on three 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 monitored and evaluated the in-depth project work for the same 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.

Since April 2019

Recently registered or re-engaged

Merydale Junior School

Bronze Award

*Montrose Primary School
Nether Hall School
St Mary's Fields Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy*

Silver Award

*Buswells Lodge Primary School
King Richard Infant and Nursery School
Nether Hall School
Spinney Hill Primary School
St Mary's Fields Primary School
Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy*

Green Flag Award

*Church Hill C of E Junior School
Davelands Primary School
Fullhurst Community College
West Gate School*

Green Flag Renewal

*Bridge Junior School
Rushey Mead Academy*

Correct as of 07/07/2019

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 the 30 August 2019. 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

[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**

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 and reports to empower staff and students to take control** of their energy.*

What is included in the service

- **Monitoring equipment installed and maintained** throughout your subscription
- Access **DynamatLite**, the half hourly energy and water monitoring website used by Leicester City Council for your own unique data
- **Identification and reporting** of excessive use/wastage
- **Strategies & activities to engage** your staff and students to reduce your energy consumption

- **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

Primary £750
Secondary £1500

This offer is only available to schools already part of the BESS Schools offer

This service will launch in September 2019 on a pro-rata cost basis until April 2020

Confirm your interest via email to: leec.lawyer@leicester.gov.uk by 30 August 2019

To provide Leicester with a high quality, efficient, effective and sustainable built environment

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For more information please download the [flyer](#). To sign up please email Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk

*****UPDATED DATE*** [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

Earthwatch and Air Quality Education

This one day course will give delegates the skills and knowledge to deliver exciting and relevant science lessons around **brand new** innovative Earthwatch resources and Air Quality Education from Leicester City Council. **This course is suitable for primary and secondary teachers (resources developed at KS2 and KS3 students)**

Monday 30 September 2019 Sandfield Close Primary
9.30am-3.30pm School, Leicester, LE4 7RE

Free and open to all schools in Leicester City



Why attend?

- Become confident in using resources developed by **Earthwatch** and **Leicester City Council – Air Quality Education team**
- Be aware of **free support to schools** around Earthwatch’s Teach Earth and air quality education offers
- Develop **learning opportunities linked to the curriculum** around the resources for your school
- **Network with other teachers and organisations** to support your school

Who would benefit from this course?
All primary and junior school teachers, primary science leads, Eco-Schools coordinators, teaching assistants, curricular Science/STEM club organisers, teachers of secondary science (KS3)







Refreshments and lunch will be provided

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

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