

Eco-Schools Leicester Monthly Bulletin



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May 2019

Welcome to the **May Eco-Schools Leicester eBulletin**. As always, there are lots of things going on, including:

- [#EcoTeachMeet](#) – at Mayflower Primary School - **21 May 2019**
- [One World Learning – Wildlife and School Grounds Conference](#) – a free conference hosted in Leicester – **13 June 2019**
- [Food for Life and Eco-Schools celebration](#) – save the date and book your school group now – **14 June 2019**
- [LRWT Story Telling competition](#) opportunity for KS2 students to write a story involving British Wildlife – deadline extended

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

[Funding for Green Flag Awards](#) – Leicester Schools

Due to several funders (including Kirby and West, The Highcross Shopping Centre & Leicester City Council) we are able to fund Green Flag Awards (new and renewals) for the remainder of this academic year. If your school is looking to submit before the end of this academic year, please let me know ASAP. Remember the sooner you submit your application, the more chance you will have of an assessor visiting before the summer holidays.



[Funding for Green Flag Awards](#) – Vegetarian Society

For the second year running, Eco-Schools England are pleased to announce that their friends at the Vegetarian Society are offering to cover the £200 cost of an Eco-Schools Green Flag award. This wonderful opportunity is available to **50** schools, nurseries or colleges (at any award level). We are accepting applications until **31st May 2019**, but funding will be granted on a 'first come, first served' basis. After submitting your Vegetarian Society funding application (by 31st May 2019), you will then need to submit a successful Green Flag application by:

- **15th July 2019** for schools and colleges working towards their first Eco-Schools Green Flag award
 - **31st December 2019** for all schools, nurseries or colleges renewing their Eco-Schools Green Flag
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Eco-Schools April Newsletter

The latest newsletter can be [downloaded](#) with all the latest information. It is a bumper backed edition with projects including

- Litter Less Leicester celebration
- Food and Farming Day
- Happy Shoe Day – 21 May 2019
- Tree Aid
- The Big Dig
- Leicester Schools Linking Project
- Air Quality Education update
- Healthy Schools Network
- City Nature Challenge 2019
- LRWT KS2 writing competition
- Food growing support



Leicester news
April 2019

Welcome to the April Leicester Eco-Schools newsletter. As always it's a busy month coming up after Easter and only a 4 week half term! Now is the time to start applying for your Green Flag Award (if you are ready) to ensure that you are visited by an assessor before the end of term. We have our annual celebration in June at De Montfort University (DMU) and also supporting to host an international outdoor learning and school grounds conference here in Leicester. Take a look at the Press and what you sign up to both. We also celebrated our amazing Other Less Leicester organic litter pick in Abbey Park. Take a look at the photos inside. As always if you need any support, just let me know, Lee.

What is Eco-Schools Leicester?
Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education Coordinator based in the Energy and Sustainability Team who works with schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do. As well as one-to-one support, schools are able to engage through termly events/meets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, assemblies, Eco-competitions & outdoor events and can keep up to date through a dedicated Twitter account, monthly e-letters & school newsletters.

The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom, learning outside the classroom (LOTC) has been identified as 'memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety'. LOTC provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.

How to find out more

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Our 2019 Litter Less Campaign

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.

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.

Silver level your school has done the above plus involved the whole school and wider community and carried out monitoring and evaluation for three in-depth pieces of work on three of the ten topics. You have also identified where environmental issues are covered in the curriculum.

Green Flag Award status, your school has done all of the above plus carried out in-depth project work for 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 January 2019

Recently registered or re-engaged
Spineway Hill Primary School
Uplands Infant School

Bronze
Barley Croft Primary School
Braunstone Primary School
Elkstone College
Mowmance Hill Primary School
Neather Hall School
St Barnabas C of E Primary School
Woodstock Primary Academy

Silver
West Gate School

Correct as of 06/04/2019





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 Friday 28 June 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)




These fantastic photos are from Neather Hall Special School that recently constructed their raised bed from tree-bark. It will now be used to grow herbs and vegetables in.

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.

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2019

Friday 14 June 2019 • Students' Union, De Montfort University, Leicester

Deadline for school entry 31 May 2019

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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
- Marine

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 - 2pm.

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 Jewett, Leicester City Council
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Lisa Diller, Soil Association Food for Life
lisa@soilassociation.org 07718 370543






Awards kindly supported by






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).

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2019
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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 Diller. 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 B&Z for their bronze award. We share Food for Life learning with local schools, the wider community and other partners.

Lisa Diller, Soil Association Food for Life
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Awards kindly supported by

[EcoTeachMeet – 21 May 2019](#)

Our third and final EcoTeachMeet of the year will take place at Mayflower Primary School on **Tuesday 21 May 2019** between 4.00-5.30pm (refreshments from 3.30pm), previously advertised to take place at Graceworks.

Come along to share ideas and visit the award winning school gardens of Mayflower Primary School.

Book to attend via [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

#EcoTeachMeet Leicester
Tuesday 21 May 2019

Leicester City Council

Mayflower Primary School,
Leicester, LE5 5PH
Tuesday 21 May 2019 4.00-5.30pm
Refreshments from 3.30pm

Presentations from colleagues on the impact of environmental education, projects and activities and an opportunity to see Mayflower's award winning gardens and outdoor spaces

If you would like to present please complete the Eventbrite presenter booking or get in touch

All school staff and organisations welcome! Book your place now:
[SpringEcoTeachMeet19.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spring-eco-teach-meet-19)

If you would like more information please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator
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[Beat the Street results](#)

Congratulations to all the schools that took part in the Beat the Street event in April 2019! Leicester, you have walked, run and cycled an incredible 78,651 miles in 6 weeks! That's the equivalent of travelling 3 times around the world.

You can see all the information on the [Leicester Beat the Streets webpage](#).

Congratulations!

Schools - Total Points
1st - Parks Primary School
2nd - Glebelands Primary School
3rd - Mellor Community Primary School
4th - Stokes Wood Primary School
5th - Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School

Schools - Average Points
1st - Glebelands Primary School
2nd - Parks Primary School
3rd - Stokes Wood Primary School
4th - Mellor Community Primary School
5th - Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School

Community Teams - Total Points
1st - Heathley Park and Bradgate Heights Walking Group
2nd - Stoneygate Home Ed Group
3rd - Castle Hill Country Park Volunteers
4th - StarBase Leicester
5th - Beaumont Running Club

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Can your class do something wild every single day for 30 days? In June, thousands of people will be joining in with Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust and the UK's month-long nature challenge. You and your pupils can too, by signing up for a free 30 Days Wild schools pack with nature activity sheets, wallchart for your classroom, interactive nature-table poster, 30 Random Acts of Wildness flash cards plus stickers and a wild teacher badge!

To sign up go to:
www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild



Farming STEMterprise

We are delighted to announce the launch of: our free, engaging cross-curricular STEM projects.

Farming STEMterprise, our brand new project-based schemes of learning for Key Stage 2, offer practical and engaging ways of delivering the Science and Design & Technology curriculum whilst developing Maths skills in real-life contexts. Children are challenged to set up their own businesses and design, develop, make and market brand new food products through tasks that deliver the objectives of each year group's programme of study.



COG Youth Services – Recycling Ambassadors

With the amazing efforts of 43 Leicester schools we have, so far, managed to divert over 13,000 writing instruments from landfill and incineration. These heroic schools and their amazing eco-warriors have also helped to contribute towards the 6000 crisp packets we have recycled. This has helped to raise £150 that is used to support youth provision across the city. We are looking to launch 2 new projects that schools can take part in. The first is a healthy teeth campaign, which will also open the doors to recycling toothbrushes and toothpaste packaging. The second is our launch of the

John Muir Award, an environmental award for children and young people.

If your school would be interested in joining our recycling schemes or taking part in any of our other environmental activities, take a look at our website, www.cogyouthservices.co.uk and email us at info@cogyouthservices.co.uk

LRWT Story Telling competition

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are running a storytelling competition for Leicester city primary schools. There are 3 prizes to be won:

- 1st prize: A storytelling chair and storytelling area for your school grounds
- 2nd prize: A bespoke wildlife-themed story trail for your school grounds
- 3rd prize: 12 wildlife themed fiction and non-fiction books for your school library



For more information please see their [website](#). Deadline for entries is extended to ****Friday 14 June 2019****.

One World Learning – Wildlife and School Grounds Conference

We are very pleased to be hosting an international Wildlife and Schools Grounds Conference here in Leicester and Leicester City Hall on **Thursday 13 June 2019**.

It is an ideal opportunity to share good practice, find out

what is happening internationally and take lots of ideas back to school or your organisation.

Complete free to attend (deposit required to confirm attendance).

Please visit the [Learning through Landscapes website](#) for more information.



The poster features a central graphic with the text "One World Learning" and "Partners in nature education" surrounded by green leaves and blue birds. Two cartoon children's faces are on either side. Below the graphic, the text asks if the reader is a conservation or wildlife professional, gardener, or educator, and invites them to join the "Wildlife and School Grounds Conference". It lists benefits such as being inspired by Europe-wide wildlife projects, participating in practical workshops, and networking with specialists. Keynotes include Dr. Steve Head and Sarah Brady. The event is held at Leicester City Hall on Thursday 13th June 2019. A "BOOK NOW" call to action is prominent, with contact information for email and phone. At the bottom, logos for BirdLife, Erasmus+, and spea are displayed.

Are you a conservation or wildlife professional, gardener or educator?

Come and join us at
Wildlife and School Grounds Conference

- ✓ Be inspired by Europe-wide **wildlife projects in school grounds**
- ✓ Take part in **practical workshops** run by Learning through Landscapes, RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts along with others
- ✓ Network with **specialists and enthusiasts** in the industry

Keynotes include
Dr Steve Head, Ecologist and Chairman of the UK Gardening for Wildlife Forum
Sarah Brady, Education Manager Birdlife Malta
Susie Smith, Development Manager Learning through Landscapes

Whether you are urban or rural we can all support learning through nature to inspire, equip and empower individuals and communities to live sustainably.

Leicester City Hall
Thursday 13th June 2019
BOOK NOW

For more information and to book your FREE place
BOOK NOW
Email: info@ltdl.org.uk
Call: 01962 846258

BirdLife Erasmus+ BirdLife spea

[Latest Grants - Wildlife and the Environment](#)

Monthly grants are made to support the conservation of wildlife and the environment by the HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust. The Trust makes grants of between £250 and £1,000 (sometimes up to £5,000) to general, environmental and wildlife charities, so long as they are registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales or they are exempt or excepted charities (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011).

The Trust also makes grants to charities which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically in the £1,000 to £2,000 range. Supported charities will be small in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact. There are no deadlines, grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure and email, postal or online applications are accepted. For more information follow the link above.

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