

Welcome to the **March Sustainable Leicester Schools' eBulletin**. As Easter is on the way we have lots of new and exciting information for you. Lots of schools are preparing to apply or renew their Green Flag Award, so do please let us know if you require any assistance.

Dates for your diary:

- [Fairtrade Fortnight 2020](#) Monday 24 February – Sunday 8 March 2020
- [Air Quality Training Day](#)- at Sandfield Primary School - Tuesday 10 March
- [Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2020](#) –29 June 2020, - City Hall, Leicester, all day

As always, if you need any help or support email or contact us, Lee and Amy

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Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2020

This year our Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration returns to City Hall and will be even bigger and better! We have taken over the main hall and conference room downstairs which means we can have up to 40 schools attend this year. We want 2020 to be the biggest and best to date!

Sign up now via email to Amy.Peace@leicester.gov.uk to conform your place.

Further details will be sent out in April regarding logistics, dietary requirements etc.



Carbon Literacy training for school students

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The project is primarily aimed at Y5 in Junior & Primary Schools and Y8 in Secondary Schools; however, other year groups can be considered e.g. Y6 post SATS



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To register your interest email:

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Who would benefit from this project: All students, although primarily aimed at Y5/6 and Y7/8.

Why participate?

- Enables students to become carbon aware
- Gives students a better understanding of how climate change will affect them and others
- Provides knowledge and skills to develop their own responses to lowering their carbon footprint, and the carbon footprint of others

What does the training cover?

- Examines the scientific basis for climate change
- Explores the potential impacts of rising greenhouse gases and a changing climate
- Discusses communicating climate change and practices some techniques for doing so

   Funding kindly provided by the NAEE

This project is **free and open to all schools in Leicester City**

To register your interest email Amy.Peace@leicester.gov.uk

All costs are covered to deliver the workshops – however if you wish for students and staff to be formally accredited there is a cost of £10 per person. This is optional, the course content will remain the same.

Air quality training education training

Tuesday 11 March 2020, Sandfield Close Primary School, 1pm - 3.30pm

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1.00pm-3.30pm

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Why attend?

- Become confident in using resources developed by Leicester City Council – Air Quality Education team
- Be aware of free support to schools around air quality education offers including anti-idling
- 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 will be provided

To book your place please email Amy.Boake@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 4543

[The Sustrans Annual Big Pedal Competition](#)

Taking place on the 22nd April – 5th May and registration is now open!

Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose 'human power' for their journey to school. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school with a chance to win amazing prizes in a daily prize draw.

Every year schools taking part in the big pedal see a change in the atmosphere in and around their grounds with happier and healthier pupils, less vehicles and a reduction in harmful greenhouse gases.

To encourage schools in Leicester to get involved, any school who signs up for the competition before the **13th March will be entered into a draw to win one of 3 prizes collectively worth**



[Plastic Free Schools - Big Spring Beach Clean: Summit to Sea 2020](#), is from 18-26 April. Your school can take part by holding a Trash Mob on your school grounds or out in the local community. We're expecting over 50,000 volunteers to get involved in over 600 cleans all over the UK!

To get involved, email Laura on beachcleans@sas.org.uk to let her know you're holding a clean at your school and if you need any more equipment we will send it out to you. If you want to hold a clean outside of your school grounds, you will need to sign-up below and complete a couple of forms.

Sign up [here!](#)



[Young Vets Club Competition](#)

There is still plenty of time to enter the [Young Vets Club](#) exciting schools competition and give your pupils the chance to win one of the free Young Vet Club memberships or even win the main prize of having their art work professionally published in the next magazine.

The closing date of Friday 27th March is fast approaching, so why not get started and get your entries in before the end of term?

You can include any children in your school who are in year groups 4 to 7! The project can be used to gain accreditation for your [Eco Schools awards](#) under the Global Citizenship topic as well as towards the [Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Awards](#).

The competition is easy to run and you can do it as a class, as a club activity, a registration activity or for homework. Everything you need is in the resource



pack so [download](#) it today and get started!

[Learning through Landscapes Grants](#)

Good news! The [Local Schools Nature Grants](#) for schools in the UK are to continue through 2020.

Schools may have £550,000 of funding raised by the players of the People's Postcode Lottery, with funds being awarded from [Postcode Local Trust](#).

Schools will also be able to receive up to £500 worth of outdoor resources of their choosing, school staff will also receive a two-hour training session on outdoor learning and play.

Applications open from Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Visit the [website](#) for free lesson resources, advice, training and more.



[A new STEM challenge from Practical Action](#)

Regreen the desert challenges pupils aged 7-14 to provide a solution for a community in Sudan suffering from drought as a result of climate change. Pupils explore how water pressure works then design and build a simple irrigation system. The challenge supports the UK science curriculum and is accredited for a Discovery [CREST Awards](#) so perfect for STEM/science clubs and could be used as a project for the [Big Bang Fair competition](#), [British Science week](#) and the [Great Science Share for Schools](#).

To download the free teaching materials go to practicalaction.org/schools/regreen-the-desert



'The challenge was written to support Practical Action's DFID Aid match campaign *Turn the tables on climate change*. To find out more about the campaign go to practicalaction.org/turn-the-tables.

Soft Touch Café

Fancy some lunch and supporting young people?

Visit Soft Touch Café on New Walk where young people make all the food from scratch and all proceeds go back into the project. They are open Wednesday and Thursday 11.00 – 14.30.

Your support would make a massive difference to young people's experience!

Join our Facebook page @[@softtouchcafe](https://www.facebook.com/softtouchcafe)



"Do something different with your lunch break"

Soft touch arts

Veggie

Pop-Up CAFES

Every Wednesday + Thursday
11:00-14:30

Sample Menu

V = Vegetarian
Vg = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free

- Homemade margarita pizza V
- Mixed bean nachos with sour cream, cheese and salsa V/GF
- Dhal with homemade flatbread Vg
- Mexican mixed bean toastie or wrap Vg
- Egg mayo and lettuce toastie or wrap V
- Baked beans and cheese toastie or wrap V

(Gluten free options available upon request)

Plus a range of cakes + beverages
Eat in or take away

Come in + say hello!

A weekly food project that helps vulnerable young people reach their potential by developing their cooking and catering skills

Place a pre-order
Free delivery to the New Walk area
01162552392

Food and Farming Day

Friday 3 July, East of England Showground

The [Kids Country Food & Farming Day](https://www.kidscountry.co.uk/) aims to teach children where food comes from and the importance of agriculture and the countryside, through interactive learning experiences.

- Huge range of activities designed to ensure a fun and interactive learning experience
- Hands-on demonstrations and talks from leading industry suppliers and experts in the field

Kids Country

Food & Farming Day

Friday 3 July 2020

East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6JF

7,000 open spaces (inc. food) per child

Book now to avoid disappointment 01753 363304

What's on Offer?

The Kids Country Food & Farming Day aims to teach children where food comes from and the importance of agriculture and the countryside, through interactive learning experiences (various spaces) (inc. food) per child

Trained with my daughter and her school. We had a fantastic day learning and exploring. We have come home with lots of yummy produce and lots of ideas on how to use them. My daughter, who has additional needs, didn't seem to know it was going to be THAT GOOD! (Parent, Corner Cladding Primary School)

- Huge range of activities designed to ensure a fun and interactive learning experience
- Hands-on demonstrations and talks from leading industry suppliers and experts in the field
- Children can engage with livestock, learn new skills and understand the farm to fork adventure
- Practising computer skills to make
- Activities incorporate key elements of the national curriculum for year 1, year 2 and 3
- Associated project work is available for classroom preparation and follow up

Don't forget to watch a short video of the food & farming day.

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- Children can engage with livestock, learn new skills and understand the farm to fork adventure
- Exciting competitions to enter
- Event incorporates key elements of the national curriculum for Key Stages 1 and 2
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[What is your plastic footprint?](#)

Water bottles, coffee cups, takeaway food wrappers - it's easy to lose track of the plastic we use in our day-to-day lives.

[Earthwatch's](#) new [plastic footprint calculator](#) shows you exactly how much plastic you use when you're on the go, and gives you advice on how you can use less. The plastics calculator focuses on the most common pollutants in rivers, because rivers are the source of up to 80% of ocean plastic. With Earthwatch's practical recommendations you can make alternative choices and have a more positive environmental impact.

Once you've started to make changes, you can check your footprint again to see what a difference you've made.

Make sure to share your results with your friends and family to compare scores!



[Everything Curriculum – Environment Edition](#)

Especially for primary school teachers, the latest edition of our Everything

Curriculum magazine is out now.
Produced by YPO - it's free and full of
great advice, tips and insight.

This edition is themed around the
environment, [take a look](#) now.



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