

Dear Aakifah,

Hope this eBulletin finds you and your family well. As the end of term approaches, we would like to take the time to say thank you for all your hard work on Eco-Schools this year in what has been an unprecedented time. **We are very proud to announce that Leicester now has the highest number of Green Flags of any local authority in England!**

Eco-Schools England are still working remotely and able to provide any advice and support to schools as required. They are also **accepting Green Flag applications** throughout the summer term. The main difference being no assessor visits – therefore schools can apply and be approved for their Green Flag application (including renewals) **through the online application process only.**

As ever, we are **both around and available** to speak to you and colleagues in school over the phone, video calls and as always on email. Our next eBulletin and Newsletter will be published in September and we will be accepting submissions for this until the **Friday 26 August 2020**. In the meantime, have a lovely summer and we will see you in the autumn.

Do take care and always, if you need any help or support email or contact us, Lee and Amy.

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July Sustainable Schools Newsletter

The latest newsletter can be downloaded from the schools extranet.

It contains information about:

- How to apply for your Green Flag
- Attending Young People's Climate

Schools news July 2020 **LEICESTER**

Welcome to the July Leicester Schools' newsletter. This has definitely been the strangest way of sending a school newsletter and realistically we would like to thank all the school staff that have continued to work as usual during the lockdown supporting children and their families with environmental education both in school and at home. We are especially thankful to the number of schools that achieved their first Green Flag as well as those that have renewed during this difficult time, we know it hasn't been easy at all. We are amazed over the summer of any is catching up with networks and needs support. However we'll be here in September (and for May - as our team will continue to support wherever we can. As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee and Amy.

What is Eco-Schools Leicester?
Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education Team based in the Energy and Sustainability Team that works with schools to help them become more sustainable in all they do. As well as this we offer support either via on-site visits through events (e.g. Green Days) or via training resources (online & workshop materials, Eco-Schools conferences & exhibition events) and can help to drive through it. We have a dedicated 'teacher advisory' group (Eco-Schools) and termly meetings. The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students to contribute time as well as receive the discounts. Learning outside the classroom (LOTC) is the main objective of sustainable education leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to their safety. LOTC provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, varied and balanced curriculum.

We are #1 in England!
We now have 51 Green Flag Eco-Schools which makes Leicester the number one Local Authority in England

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Finished reading? Pass on to a colleague

#EcoTeach Webinars

Every Wednesday since March the Environmental Education team have hosted EcoTeach webinars focusing on each Eco-Schools topic, highlighting the projects that Leicester schools can get involved in.

Featuring special guests from The Wildlife Trust, Food For Life, TVC and many others, the recorded webinars are available on our [EcoTeach YouTube Channel](#) along with the accompanying PowerPoint available on the [website](#). Each image below links directly to the YouTube channel.

- Green Flags
- Green Flag Renewals
- Green Flag Exhibitions
- Green Flag Events
- Green Flag Training
- Green Flag Conferences
- Green Flag Workshops
- Green Flag Webinars
- Green Flag Resources
- Green Flag Support
- Green Flag News
- Green Flag Updates

Strikes with Primary pupils

- The Department for Education Sustainability Award
- The Sea Starts Here Campaign
- Leicester Schools Linking Project 2020-21

BESS Energy and BESS Academies

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 BESS schools to develop tools and reports to empower staff and students to take control of their energy and water use.

Leicester City Council's BESS Energy and BESS Enhanced offers is now open to all schools in Leicester

BESS Energy 2020-21 12 Month Subscription

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This offer is open to all schools in Leicester City at cost price as part of our Climate Emergency Declaration commitment

What is included in the service:

- Monitoring equipment installed and maintained (gas or district heat, water and electricity) throughout your subscription
- Access to **Dynamatis**, the half hourly energy and water monitoring website used by Leicester City Council for your own usage data
- Identification and reporting of excessive use/wastage (phone and email)
- Annual energy and carbon report which identifies trends in data and potential savings over 5 years (subject to data availability)
- Data report for Academies - Streamlining Energy and Carbon Reporting (SERC)
- Provision of data for school's preferred DEC provider

*Through monitoring our water, we identified a leak which could have cost us hundreds of pounds had it not been spotted! Business Manager, Leicester

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Sign up to BESS Energy by 30 August 2020 by completing our online facts.

This service will start in September 2020

BESS Energy £495
10% reduction for BESS schools

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BESS Energy Enhanced 2020-21 12 Month Subscription

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All the benefits of BESS Energy:

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- Identification and reporting of excessive use/wastage (phone and email)
- Annual energy and carbon report which identifies trends in data and potential savings over 5 years (subject to data availability)
- Data report for Academies Streamlining Energy and Carbon Reporting (SERC) requirements (at no extra cost)
- Provision of data for school's preferred DEC provider

Plus BESS Energy Enhanced:

- Identification and reporting of excessive use/wastage (including visits)
- Regular updates via email and online
- Provision of your annual DEC certificate (or subsidised 3 year DEC certificate)
- Online or face to face training (termly)
- The equivalent of 8 full days of bespoke support per school (including technical analysis and education support for staff and pupils)

*Through monitoring our electricity, we discovered our 'Banned' kettles (kettle facts book) reporting that they were being left on at the weekend, once we made this used hundreds of pounds over the school holidays! Business Manager, Leicester

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Built Environment School Service (BESS) Energy Academies 2020-21 Annual Energy and Carbon Report

From 1 April 2020, academy trusts will need to report on environmental reporting regulations. Regulations require large companies which consume more than 40,000 kWh of energy in a reporting period to provide certain information about energy efficiency measures. Large companies are defined by sections 445-446 of the Companies Act 2006, as companies whose meet 2 out of the following 3 criteria:

- Gross income of £36 million or more;
- Balance sheet assets of £21 million or more; and
- 250 employees or more

The reporting period for academy trusts will be 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-reporting-guidelines-including-mandatory-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reporting-guidance

Academies in Leicester City that choose BESS Energy or BESS Energy Enhanced will receive BESS Energy Academies as part of the product and do not need to purchase facts, saving up to £250 per school.

What is included in the service?

Reports which covers:

- Annual carbon, energy and water usage reports
- Analysis of energy and water trends, patterns of usage
- Identifying the impact of energy/water efficiency improvements

Data in a format required as part of Energy and Carbon Reporting regulation (from September 2020)

- GHG energy use (in kWh) including gas, heat, electricity, gas and transport fuel
- Associated greenhouse gas emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)
- All 'relevant' activities that represent the Academy's total emissions in relation to a quantifiable factor associated with its activities
- Information about energy efficiency action taken during the year
- Methodologies used in the calculation of disclosures

- Provision of a validated report as provided
- Provision of data for school's preferred online Energy Certificate (DEC) provider

This offer is open to all Multi-Academy Trusts in England

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£150 per academy
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City at cost price as part of our Climate Emergency Declaration commitment.

In addition, the **BESS Academies** offer enables academy trusts to report on environmental reporting regulations. Regulations require large companies which consume more than 40,000 kWh of energy in a reporting period to include certain information about energy efficiency measures.

For more information, pricing and pre-recorded webinars are available to view on the schools extranet [here](#).

[EcoTeach Webinars](#)

Our EcoTeach Webinar series is available now to help you keep up to date with all things Environmental Education while social distancing. Find out about opportunities to participate in different projects and activities taking place in Leicester. Watch previous webinars can be viewed on the schools' [extranet](#).



Transport Projects

- #EcoSchoolsAtHome
- Beat the Street
- School Run Parking
- British Cycling
- National Eco-Schools Winner
- Bikeability
- School Ride
- Play Street Orders
- Sustrans
- Living Streets
- Air Quality Education
- Clean Air Day
- Switch of your engine campaign
- Healthier Air for Leicester Schools Award
- Walking Maps



All webinars were presented by Lee Jowett and Amy Peace with support from other colleagues.

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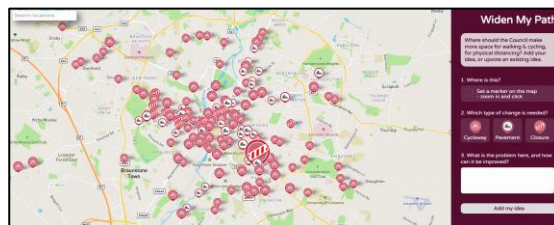
[Widen My Path](#)

To help keep us safe, the government has announced that councils should be creating new cycleways and wider pavements for physical distancing.

We need your help to identify where these are most needed. Add your ideas and support others at:

www.widenmypath.com

The website also has a cycling journey [planner](#).



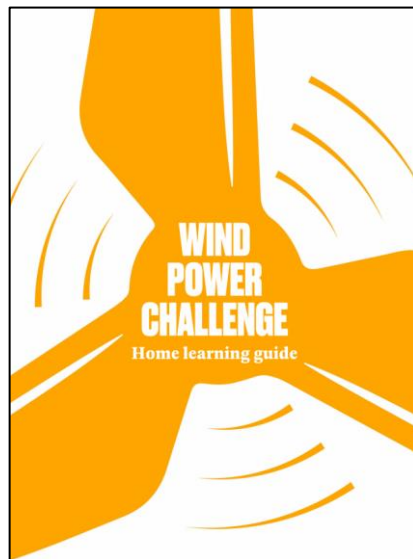
[Practical](#)
[Action's Wind](#)
[Power challenge](#)

A renewable energy STEM challenge where pupils learn about life without electricity before designing and making a simple wind turbine. Suitable for pupils aged 7-19.

Recently updated, this popular challenge introduces pupils to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and includes a starter activity where pupils simulate how the National Grid supplies electricity to most parts of the UK. Pupils then explore how life for people in the rural mountainous regions of Peru is different as they live without access to mains electricity.

All materials are free and include a home learning guide, teacher's guide, pupil activity sheets, PowerPoint presentation, poster and certificates.

This challenge can also be used by pupils to gain a [CREST Award](#).



[Take the Naturespace Challenge!](#)

We want to meet the wildlife on your doorstep!

Join [Naturehood](#) and be part of our research: we're mapping wildlife populations across the UK to find out how communities can work together to help them thrive.

Taking part will help you discover the wildlife on your doorstep and build our collective understanding of what makes a real difference for UK wildlife.

In total, the Naturespace Challenge is divided into 7 sections and takes about 1 hour to complete and can be completed in two stages (indoor and outdoor).

You will be surveying birds, pollinators, mammals, ground dwellers and pondlife as well as background data such as the weather.

Register [online](#) and complete the online survey or print off the [PDF](#) and enter the data afterwards.

Naturehood
earthwatch
EUROPE



[The Department for Education Sustainability Award](#)

The Department for Education is committed to sustainable development and we believe that it is vital for our schools to prepare our young people for the future. Schools are a perfect opportunity to engage the minds of our future leaders in developing sustainable ways of living. It's important for them to understand the principles of what sustainability is, and what it means to be truly sustainable.

Following its success in 2019, we are proud to announce that the Department for Education 'Sustainability Award' is back for a second year running. We want to hear from you and celebrate the collective efforts that you are making to contribute to towards a more sustainable future. For entry requirements and to enter head to the website [here](#).



[The Sea Starts Here](#)

Leicester City Council's Flooding

and Drainage team are pleased to announce that the Sea Starts Here Campaign will restart from 1st September 2020 and we are looking for 20 schools to take part in this year's project.

The project aims to increase awareness of the impact of plastic waste (particularly single use plastics) on our river and marine environments by spraying stencils around drains on and around the school grounds. As plastic dropped as litter in our urban environments, ends up in our rivers and seas causing pollution, harm to wildlife as well as contributing to increased flood risk. The project is delivered in three parts:

An assembly introducing the project and topic

Spray paint stencilling session with a group of 6 – 10 students (usually the Eco-Committee)

Children design a poster for leaflet to take home to parents to explain the problems of plastics and litter. This can be



completed at a separate date/time to parts one and two.

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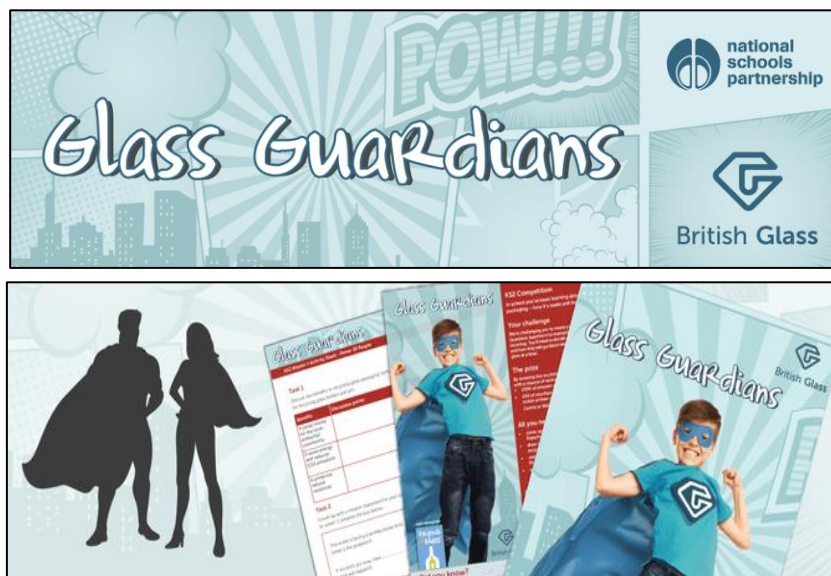
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[Glass Guardians](#)

Glass Guardians is back, and this year we are looking for super-recyclers! We have updated the activities and as a result, we have a new competition.

The challenge is to create a glass recycling superhero to join the nation of Glass Guardians. What super-recycling powers will they have? What does their superhero costume look like?

If learners share their ideas they could win £500 of Amazon vouchers for the school. Plus, there are £50 of vouchers for the winning learner's chosen outlet up for grabs and our favourite entry every month will win a £10 voucher for



Waterstones! So, enter today for the chance to win. You can scan or take a high quality photograph of your competition entry forms and email them

to competitions@national-schools-partnership.com by

Friday October 9th 2020. Full terms and conditions can be found [here](#).

You can register as a teacher or parent on the [website](#).

Find more amazing initiatives with free resources [here](#).

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