

Welcome to the **September Sustainable 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.

Firstly, we would also like to welcome Marc Tench to the team as an Education Officer. Marc joins us two days a week (Wednesday and Friday) and will be working on the Eco-Schools award.

Upcoming events:

- [Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration](#) – Tuesday 22 September 2020
- [Eco-Schools Training](#) – Wednesday 23 September 2020
- [#EcoTeachMeet](#) – Wednesday 6 October 2020
- [3D Printer Design Competition](#) - deadline Friday 16 October 2020
- [Sustainable Schools Celebration](#) – Monday 9 November 2020
- [Climate Action Fortnight](#) – Monday 9 November - Friday 20 November 2020
- [Litter Less Campaign](#) – coming soon

This term will see many adjustments in school however we are available to support you and colleagues in school over the phone, video calls and as always, on email. If you haven't already seen Eco-School England have adapted some of the criteria – take a look in the newsletter for more information.

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

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[September Sustainable Schools Newsletter](#)

The latest newsletter can be downloaded from the [schools' extranet](#).

It contains information about:

- Leicester #1 in England!
- Eco-School Awards in Leicester
- Climate Action Fortnight
- Edible Playgrounds offer
- 3D Printer Competition
- Sustainable Schools Celebration
- Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration
- Water Fountain Competition Winners



- Back to School Transport

Eco-Schools Training

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Wednesday 23 September 2020 - 4.00-5.30pm
Online via Microsoft Teams

Free and open to all schools in Leicester City

Eco-Schools is a global programme which provides a framework for learning and action around 10 environmental topics. It is free to register for Eco-Schools and to apply for Bronze and Silver awards. A cost applies for Green Flag accreditation.

Sign up via email to participate in this free training online



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of the Eco-Schools criteria including changes linked to Covid19 and bubbles.
- Share ways of engaging the whole school community, including potential barriers and how to remove them.
- Develop new campaigns and identify ways of promoting sustainability in school.
- Find out about local and national projects and how to get involved.

Who would benefit from this course?
All school staff with an interest in environmental education – heads, deputy heads, assistant heads, classroom teachers, TAs, support staff, premises officers, business managers and governors/trustees.




To book your place please email
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We are therefore hosting a virtual Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration via Microsoft Teams Live.

We are inviting all schools in the city to attend this virtual event including parents! The event will take place on **Tuesday 22 September 1.30-2.30pm**.

We will be joined by Jeanette Orrey from Food for Life and Lee Wray-Davies, Eco-Schools England Manager, as well as Mayflower Primary (3 times Green Flag Eco-Schools) and hopefully Overdale Juniors (Gold Food for Life)

Follow the link on the flyer of how to join on the day. If you would like to submit a question to our Eco-Schools celebration presenters please email eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

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Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries, empowering them to drive change and improve their environmental awareness. Eco-Schools develops pupils' skills, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and creates financial savings for schools as well as a whole host of other benefits.

Food for Life is about making good food the easy choice for everyone – making healthy, tasty and sustainable meals the norm for all to enjoy, reconnecting people with where their food comes from, teaching them how it's grown and cooked, and championing the importance of well-sourced ingredients.







Join on the day using this link to access the event
Microsoft Teams Live broadcasts via a web browser (or Microsoft Teams if you have it installed). Viewers will not need a camera or microphone as the video is one-way, however you can ask questions on the day via the chat option.




For more information contact:
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Sustainable Schools Celebration

For the environment, our health and wellbeing
Monday 9 November • Online
We want your nominations!



Do you have a member of staff, student, parent or volunteer who... Spearheads recycling in school? Raises awareness of litter? Participates in healthy cooking? Always turns up to gardening club, no matter the weather? Goes that extra mile to walk, cycle or scoot to school?

Celebrate the dedication of your staff, students, parents and volunteers by nominating them for one of the categories below for the second celebration evening event

Shortlisted staff, students, parents and volunteers will be invited to the virtual evening celebration taking place at the Microsoft Teams Live on **Monday 9 November 2020, starting at 7pm**

Schools can nominate as many staff, students, parents and volunteers as they wish:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Champion • Litter Champion • Health and Wellbeing Champion • Mental Health Champion • Active Travel Champion • Active Travel School of the Year • Global Learning Champion • Food for Life Champion • Oral Health Champion • Forest School Champion • Sports Leader of the Year • Recycling or Reducing Champion • Healthy Eating Champion • Biodiversity Champion • Energy Champion • Cooking Champion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Values Champion • Water Champion • Premises Officer/Site Supervisor • Pastoral Champion • Teaching Assistant • Teacher • Senior Leader • Community and Parental Engagement Champion • Student • Parent • Volunteer • Team of the Year
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To nominate a member of staff, student, parent or volunteer please complete the [submission online](#).

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BESS Energy and BESS Academies

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

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Climate Action Fortnight

Monday 9th November – Friday 20th November 2020

Official Launch Assembly Wednesday 4th November
Join us for a fortnight of exciting activities, inspirational speakers and challenges

The fortnight will tackle an Eco-Schools topic with a climate emergency focus each day and feature special guest speakers, activities and challenges for students and training opportunities for staff. All content will be hosted online via Microsoft Teams Live and be uploaded to the [EcoSchoolsLCC YouTube channel](#) to be accessed at any time.

The event is aimed at all schools in Leicester City – primary, secondary and special schools. We expect schools to connect with the climate action fortnight in year groups due to working in year group bubbles.



Commencing on **Monday 9th November**, the fortnight will also feature the Sustainable Schools' Celebration Evening and culminating on **Friday 20th November** with an 'in-school' strike by creating a social media-based protest.

All schools are invited to participate in the event, either at the time or when convenient, and are asked to share stories with other schools via the Sustainable Schools newsletter and to submit a short clip of the Climate Action Fortnight activities for a city-wide short film.



As part of the fortnight we are encouraging schools to declare their own Climate Emergency and, with the support of governors/trustees, make changes in the school to reduce their carbon emissions and help tackle climate change.





Let us know you are participating by completing our [online form](#)

For more information:
Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk
schools.leicester.gov.uk/climateactionfortnight2020

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Web:

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[3D Printer Competition](#)

Calling all primary schools!

Severn Trent and Leicester City Council have launched a design competition for all schools in Leicester for the chance to win a 3D Printer. To highlight the importance of water, we're asking you to design a water saving device or an object that helps prevent marine pollution.

The overall winner will receive the 3D printer for their school and be able to develop their design into a working object.

Money donated by Severn Trent's Coronavirus Fund was used to buy a 3D printer to produce PPE for local NHS and care workers at hospitals in Leicester during the COVID-19 crisis and the printer is now kindly being donated to the city.

Download entry forms from the [Schools' Extranet](#).

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Friday 16 October 2020.




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Design Brief

The design needs to be either:

- a water saving device
- an object that can help to prevent marine pollution (including plastic pollution)
- An object to help with sewage

Include a description of what the object is and how it works

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Essential: The winning school must have a designated member of staff that can oversee the operation of the printer

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Deadline for entries: 5pm on Friday 16 October 2020

Scanned or photographed entries can be emailed to: Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk





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Competition poster

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#EcoTeachMeet Leicester
Wednesday 14 October 2020

Leicester City Council

Online on [Microsoft Teams](#)
Wednesday 14 October 2020
4.00-5.30pm

Presentations from colleagues on the impact of environmental education, projects and activities happening in Leicester.

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

All school staff welcome! Book your place now:
[AutumEcoTeachmeet2020](#)

If you would like more information, please contact the Environmental Education Team Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk 0116 454 2271/4543/6746

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www.schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools

[#EcoTeachMeet – October 2020](#)

The next #EcoTeachMeet will take place **Wednesday 14 October 2020, 4.00pm-5.30pm** online via Microsoft Teams.

The TeachMeet will present lots of different projects in the city including sustainable transport, global learning, energy saving, recycling and projects being delivered by Leicester Schools – book a 5 or 8 minute slot to present **Book via bit.ly/2ILFeIQ**

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 [now](#).

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