

Schools' monthly eBu

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September 2020

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:

- <u>Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration</u> 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
- <u>Litter Less Campaign</u> 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







Eco-Schools Training – online

In Leicester there are now 52 schools with the prestigious Green Flag Award putting us number one in England!

This training, delivered by Leicester City Council, will provide top tips for working on Eco-Schools when you are working in bubbles, ideas for new projects, things that have gone well, things that maybe haven't and a chance to pair up with colleagues.

This training will take place on **Wednesday 23 September 2020 - 4.00-5.30pm** online via Microsoft Teams.

To sign up please email <u>eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk</u> as soon as possible.

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2020

This year we have not been able to host our annual Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration, but we don't want to miss the chance to celebrate all the city schools' hard work which has taken place in the last academic year!

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





Sustainable Schools Celebration

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.

To nominate a member of staff, student, parent or volunteer please complete the <u>submission online</u>.

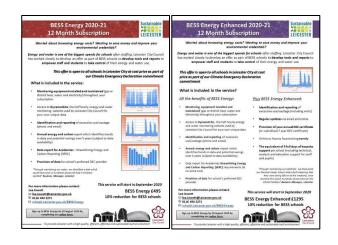
One nomination (or group) for each category for the online form. However multiple submissions can be accepted. **Deadline for entries 11.59pm 2 October 2020.**

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 City at cost price as part of our Climate Emergency Declaration commitment.

For more information, pricing and pre-recorded webinars are available to view on the schools extranet.





Climate Action Fortnight, 9 – 20 November 2020

The fortnight will tackle an Eco-Schools topic with a climate emergency slant 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 and schools can choose to participate at the time or when convenient. We expect schools to connect with the climate action fortnight in year groups due to working in year group bubbles.

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

For more information:

Email: Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk

Web:

schools.leicester.gov.uk/climateactionfortnight2020

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 <u>Schools' Extranet</u>.

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



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

Schools or individual parents/guardians can submit entries for this competition.



#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/2|LFeIQ

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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