

Welcome to the **June Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. We hope you have been enjoying the fantastic weather, especially over half term. We have really enjoyed seeing some of you in person as the world begins to open up again, and hope to see even more of you as we start to deliver workshops for the Summer Reading Challenge from next week.

Later this month, we will be preparing to see off the Grow Your Own Grub project, including another Newsroom on our Facebook page, and an outdoor celebration event to showcase the hard work all the schools involved have put in.

And don't forget, June is #30DaysWild month – keep an eye on our Twitter feed to see what we are getting up to in the great outdoors and remember to bring sunscreen on your own adventures!



#### Upcoming events and competitions:

- [Summer Reading Challenge workshops](#) - in school, Monday 7 June – Friday 2 July 2021 [now fully booked]
- [World Ocean Day](#), Tuesday 8 June
- [Clean Air Day](#) – Thursday 17 June
- **Grow your Own Grub Newsroom** – online, Thursday 1 Jul at 11am-2pm, via [our Facebook Page](#)
- **Grow Your Own Grub Celebration Event** – Abbey Pumping Station, Saturday 3 July

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

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#### Follow us on Social Media

The Environmental Education Team have their own social media channels where you can keep up to date with all things sustainability in schools.

We also have a new Facebook page. Give us a follow!



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## The Ink Bin – still chance to sign up, last few available



We have joined up with the Ink Bin to recycle ink cartridges (*which would be used by students, parents and staff at home*) and raise funds for your school. We have 40 collection bins which will be distributed to schools throughout Leicester City on a first come, first served basis. To participate please complete this [eForm](#) as soon as possible. Once the bin is full, they arrange collection and the recycling shall begin.

Frequently asked questions are available on the [Ink Bin website FAQ](#) pages. This scheme is only for ink cartridges, not toners. If you have toners to recycle there is further information on the [Ink Bin website](#).

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## Gombe 60 Creative Competition – deadline 14 June 2021

There is still time to enter the Gombe 60 creative competition by Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots campaign! 60 years ago, Dr Jane Goodall first set foot at the Gombe Streams National Park to begin her ground-breaking research into the chimpanzees there. The Roots & Shoots team have not one but two special competitions for you to help celebrate the occasion. The first is an art competition, and the second is a creative writing competition. Three winners will be picked for each competition who will win up to £50 to spend on art supplies or books. The first-place winners will also receive a personal communication from Dr Jane Goodall herself!



You have until Monday 14 June to enter. To find out the rules and how to submit an entry, visit [the Roots & Shoots blog](#).

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## Grow Your Own Grub Celebration – 12noon-3pm, Saturday 3 July 2021



This year the Grow Your Own Grub celebration will return and be at [Abbey Pumping Station](#).

The event which will be attended by around 25 mealbarrows will be an opportunity for this year's entries to showcase their growing wheelbarrow and menu.

Fifty percent of the score is achieved on the day – so do come along and pick your favourite mealbarrow. We'll send out a further flyer in a couple of weeks – but do save the date as it will be a fantastic opportunity.

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## World Ocean Day – Tuesday 8 June 2021



The Environment Agency, in collaboration with the WWF, will be launching fun educational resources about plastics in the run up to World Ocean Day on Tuesday 8 June.

The resources contain activities and videos centred around an interactive map and are available to schools now! On World Ocean Day, registered schools will be invited to come together virtually for a live question and answer event.

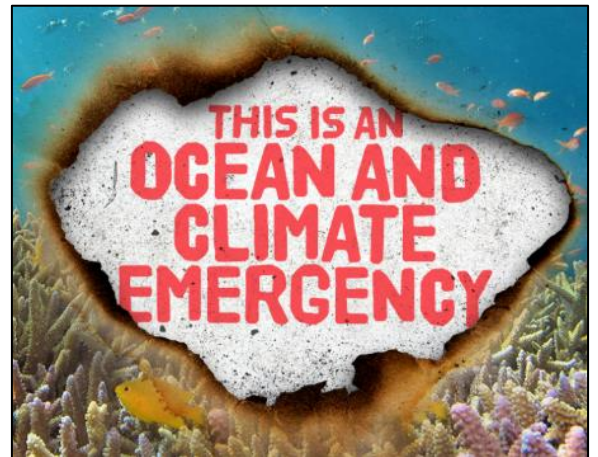
To register to receive the primary resources, visit [the event website](#).

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## Ocean and Climate Emergency petition and Plastic Free Schools resources!

Surfers Against Sewage's ocean and climate emergency petition provides a platform for pupils to call on the UK government to tackle the ocean and climate crisis. So far, almost 27,000 people have signed the petition, including over 12,500 school pupils! They have also created lesson plans for KS2 and KS3 to help you break down this topic in your classroom. To sign the petition yourself or as a school, visit [the petition webpage](#).

Furthermore, if your school is signed up to [the Plastic Free Schools programme](#), Surfers Against Sewage have just added a new heap of resources designed to complement the existing objectives and support schools all the way from sign up to completion. Visit your dashboard now to see the new wave of updates!



## Wild Art Competition – deadline 14 June 2021

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are running a Wild Art competition, with the top prize being a wildlife-themed graffiti mural!

They are challenging Leicester city primary school pupils to create a piece of art that shows off our wonderful UK wildlife. The artwork could be a drawing, painting, a collage or a sculpture – it just needs to be created flat on an A4 piece of paper and feature animals or plants found in the UK.

Each of three winners will receive a brilliant set of art materials, as well as a prize for their school. The deadline for entries is Monday 14th June, submitted by email. For details on how to enter, and a full list of T&Cs, go to: [www.wildforestschool.org.uk/wild-art](http://www.wildforestschool.org.uk/wild-art)



## Seeds for Good – Deadline 21 June 2021, winners announced 1 July 2021



Leicester independent financial adviser Furnley House would like to invite you to have the opportunity to win free books for your school by entering the [Seeds for Good 2021 competition](#). The competition focuses on raising funds for five charities as part of their Leicestershire community champions awards, with the winner receiving a Willow book for every child. Excitingly, every school that can come up with an idea that raises £50 for charity will win five Willow books for their school!

The books can be planted after reading, are fully sustainable, and made from 100% recycled materials – you may have seen them on Dragon's Den recently! To find out more and register your interest, please visit [www.furnleyhouse.co.uk/sfg/](http://www.furnleyhouse.co.uk/sfg/).

## Our Planet Our Fosse – workshops taking place 12 June – 17 July 2021

Our Planet Our Fosse is a community action project to empower the Fosse community in Leicester to take an active role in the care of their local spaces. Buzzing Roots has received crowdfunding to form the Cleaner Green Fosse Group in partnership with Stokes Wood Primary School, and they are now offering combined yoga and litter picking sessions to schools. Get ready to be inspired and take action to care for our environment!

With six Saturday workshops being held from 12 June – 17 July, these free creative sessions are perfect for children aged 8 and over. To book workshop space over some or all the Saturdays, contact Liga from Buzzing Roots at [buzzingroots@gmail.com](mailto:buzzingroots@gmail.com), or text 07425867969.



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