

Schools news

September 2021



What is Eco-Schools Leicester?

Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education team based in the Sustainability team who provide **free** support to schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do.

As well as one-to-one support and environmentally linked projects, schools can engage through termly #EcoTeachMeets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, assemblies, Eco-Schools conferences & celebration events and can keep up to date through dedicated social media, monthly eBulletins and termly newsletters. The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom. Learning outside the classroom (LOT) has been identified as 'memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety'. LOT provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.



Welcome to the early September Leicester Schools newsletter. We are very much looking forward to a slightly more normal start to this term (maybe!). Based on staff feedback we have put together a calendar for the entire year which covers student events, staff training and national events which you can take part in. We are also offering virtual assemblies covering all of Leicester via Teams. Our big event this term is Great Big Green Week taking place 18-26 September. There is still time to sign up and take part - have a look in the newsletter for more details. There are also changes to the Eco-Schools programme this year. We are still waiting for all the final details, but in the meantime some of the changes can be found on page 2 of the newsletter. So, a very busy, but exciting term ahead! **As always, get in touch if you need any support - Lee, Amy, Marc and Hollie**

Litter pick around Wolsey House Primary

On Friday 20 August, Amy and Hollie ventured out to Wolsey House Primary School to join in with a community litter pick. As you can see in the picture to the left, everyone involved was geared up to clear rubbish from the hedgerows and woodland at the back of the school!

Several large bags of litter were taken away from the site, which was left looking much cleaner and friendlier for wildlife. We personally spent a lot of time picking up broken glass that completely covered one verge, making the area a lot safer for people and animals alike.

How to find out more

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The Eco-Schools
Award is changing
from September,
find out more
on their website at:

www.eco-schools.org.uk/the-eco-schools-programme-is-changing

Finished reading? Pass on to a colleague

Eco-School Awards

Schools can register for Eco-Schools for free at www.eco-schools.org.uk/register

From September 2021, there are a number of changes in the Eco-Schools Awards. There is no longer a Bronze and Silver accreditation – schools go direct to the Eco-Schools Green Flag.

Green Flags will now be renewed on an **annual basis with an application window open from 1 May until 31 July every year**.

Applications will be **completely done online** to showcase your environmental efforts. There are more questions and an opportunity to achieve Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit or Distinction.

The new Eco-Schools application online has a **progress bar** which you can see as you complete the application over the year with the students.

The cost will remain at £200+VAT on an annual basis. More information available online at www.eco-schools.org.uk/the-eco-schools-programme-is-changing

With further details to follow in mid-September 2021.

Since July 2021

Bronze

Heatherbrook Primary Academy

Silver

Marriott Primary School

Catherine Infant School

Green

St Paul's Catholic School

*Fullhurst Community College**

Caldecote Community Primary School

*Dovelands Primary School**

Moat College

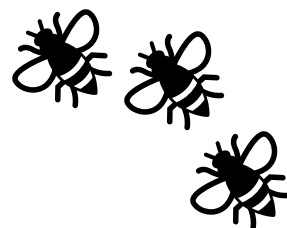
***renewals**

Correct as of 23/08/2021

Please note the Eco-Schools site is current offline while updates are being made

Newsletter

Our newsletters are published 4 times per year. If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter, the deadline is **Thursday 23 December 2021**. We ask for around 200 words, at least 1 photo and contact details e.g. name and email address to: Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk



We're proud to launch #Leicester's new ten-year #Biodiversity Action Plan to help protect local wildlife, conserve habitats and ensure that nature continues to flourish and thrive across the city. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3f7rq15>

Roles and Responsibilities

With our expanding team we wanted to let you know who is best to contact for each project.
For all general enquires you can reach all of the team at Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk



Lee Jowett – Sustainable Schools Coordinator/team leader
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- Salix funding – Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)
- Coordinating grants, funding and social value opportunities
- Green Fox – Power to Change
- DMU Graduates
- Air Quality Playgrounds
- PFI schools work
- Climate Declarations
- Climate Woods
- BESS Energy

Amy Peace – Project Officer in Environmental Education (Full-Time)
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- Lower Carbon Lunches
- Carbon Literacy
- Polli:Gen
- Edible Playgrounds
- Young Peoples' Climate Board
- BESS Energy carbon reports
- eBikes for School staff
- Water Fountain competition
- The Sea Starts Here
- Plastic Free Schools
- Re-Think Food Towers
- Environment Agency SuDs
- Grow Your Own Grub and Pumpkin Competitions



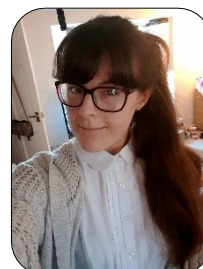
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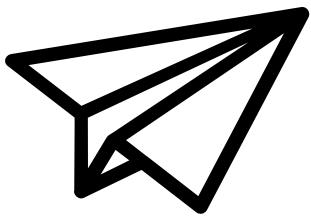


- Eco-Schools Awards
- Ashden Less CO₂
- Tree planting
- Tiny Forests
- Polli:Gen
- Litter Campaigns
- Let's Go Zero 2030
- BESS Energy – education support
- Salix – education programme

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- eBulletins
- Newsletters
- Social media campaigns
- Promoting events
- Carbon Literacy
- BESS Energy carbon reports and support
- Botanica
- Roadshows & Celebration events
- Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme local support





“Letter to the Future” Competition

What will the environment look like in 2050?

We want school students of all ages to tell us in our Great Big Green Week competition!

The brief is simple: write a letter to an adult of your choice describing what you think the future will look like in 2050 (maximum 1 side of A4 written or typed).



This could be a relative, other adult, councillor or even MP!

In partnership with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Programme, there are lots of Jane Goodall books to be won for the winners of each key stage category. An overall winner will also be chosen to receive a book signed by Jane Goodall herself!

Entries can be from students between 4-19 years old. Please send a photo, scanned copy or word file of your entries (using our template or your own design) to Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk in .pdf, .jpg or .doc format.

The deadline is 31 August 2021, with winners to be announced during the Great Big Green Week (18-26 September 2021).

Please note, your school must be signed up to the Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Programme for entries to be eligible. You can sign up for free on [the Roots & Shoots website](https://www.rootsandshoots.org/)!

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK**

30 Jane Goodall's
Roots & Shoots
ANNIVERSARY!



Great Big Green Week Leicester

18-26 September 2021



In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK!



Why participate?

- Funding of £100 for school events, with support from Leicester City Council and partner organisations such as TCV, Food for Life, Learning through Landscapes.
- Raise awareness of Climate change and other environmental issues within your school and the wider community.
- Contributes towards progress on your Eco-Schools Green Flag



How can schools in Leicester take part?

Sustainable Schools Leicester are organising a number of events throughout the week including:

- **60 events at schools across Leicester City, with a variety of environmental themes. Each school will receive funding of £100 to spend on resources. See separate flyer for ideas, support and how to sign up.**
- A secondary school conference virtually on Tuesday 21 September 2021, (9.30am-2.30pm)
- **An online newsroom with DocMedia Centre on Wednesday 29 September featuring interviews with school staff and pupils, and highlights of the week, all hosted via Zoom & YouTube.**
- A Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots 'Letter to the Future' Competition before the Green Week, with winners announced during the week. Deadline Tuesday 31 August.
- **A Film festival hosted at the Phoenix Independent Cinema between Monday 20 and Thursday 23 September. This will be for school pupils with their parents/carers.**
- A Great Big Green Litter Pick and Climate March on Friday 24 September. A drone camera will be used to capture the event including an image of people spelling out 'Green Week'.
- **Deadline to sign up to events and grants is Sunday 5 September 2021**

This free event is free and open to all schools in Leicester City and our traded services

We are holding two short Microsoft Teams webinars (maximum of half an hour) for more information and to answer questions.

Wednesday 25 August – 4.00pm [Join online](#) and Friday 27 August at 12.30pm [Join online](#)

Mini grants for the Great Big Green Week



In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK!



Ideas for events:

- Coffee morning
- Walk or cycle to school
- Eco-bingo
- School talks/presentations from partner organisations (e.g. about food growing, encouraging pollinators into gardens or window boxes for parents and governors)

Watch the [online training video on the Climate Coalition website](#) for more ideas!



As part of this we are offering 60 schools across Leicester City and schools in our traded services to organise events within the school for their local community.

The details:

- The events must have an environmental theme and take place between **18-26 September 2021**
- Funding of £100 will be given to each school to cover costs incurred
- Support will be given from Leicester City Council and partner organisations where needed including:
 - City Council teams – Environmental Education, walking and cycling, biodiversity, flood risk, air quality, parks and volunteers
 - Partner organisations - Food for Life, TCV, Learning through Landscapes, Central England Cooperative and Highcross Shopping Centre

To apply for a £100 mini-grant, please fill out this

[short e-Form](#)

Grants are offered on a rolling basis, with a final deadline of **Sunday 5 September 2021**

For more information, please contact Eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

Secondary Schools' Conference



In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK!

Virtual Event via Teams



We are giving secondary school (KS3 to KS5) students the opportunity to reflect on some of the issues affecting us by climate change!

The details:

- **On Tuesday 21 September**, students from all over Leicester can come together to attend a conference set up to discuss the environment and policies put in place to protect it across Leicester.
- **There will be several speakers from** that will share their expertise, followed by interactive workshops.
- **The event will be virtual and hosted on Microsoft Teams**
- Further details will be released at the end of August 2021.



In the spirit of Great Big Green Week, we are especially interested to hear from schools that have not previously engaged in this type of event!



Sign up using [the official eForm](#) if you would like to get your students involved in climate discussions and lobbying action in September 2021!
Deadline to sign up 5 September 2021

For more information, please contact Eco-schools@Leicester.gov.uk

Climate March and Plastic Free Picnic



In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK!



We are hold a climate march and plastic free picnic at Abbey Park

The details:

- **On Friday 24 September**, students from all over Leicester will come together to march from the bottom of the Golden Mile/Belgrave roundabout to Abbey Park (starting 12noon)
- **As Abbey Park we will have a plastic free picnic (bring your own) followed by speeches and opportunity to make pledges to tackle climate change (12.30pm-2pm)**
- Finally, we'll have a drone photo spelling our 'Green Week' (1.45pm-2.30pm)
- **Parents are encouraged to come along and collect their children at the end or of course you can take them back to school**



In the spirit of Great Big Green Week, we are especially interested to hear from schools that have not previously engaged in this type of event!



Sign up using the [official eForm](#) if you would like to get your students involved in the Climate March and Plastic Free Picnic

For more information, please contact Eco-schools@Leicester.gov.uk

Eco-Schools Governor & Trustee Training 2021

In Leicester there are over 100 schools registered on the Eco-Schools programme with over 50 Green Flags. This training, delivered by Leicester City Council will support your understand of the Green Flag award which is changing in September 2021.

We'll also discuss how to declare a climate emergency in school and how as a Governor or Trustee you can support the school or MAT to reduce their carbon footprint.

Tuesday 28 September 2021 **Online using Microsoft Teams**
4.30pm – 6.00pm **(link will be sent the week before)**

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. A cost applies for Green Flag accreditation, however there are several sponsorship schemes in Leicester.



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of the updated **Eco-Schools** criteria and **how to declare a climate emergency in school**
- Find out how your school can link with **Eco-Schools** and similar environmental programmes local and nationally
- Understand the role of the **Environmental Education/Eco-Schools link governor/trustee**
- Learn more about the **Let's Go Zero 2030** campaign to make schools carbon zero

Who would benefit from this course?

Any governors or trustees who have taken on the responsibility as Environmental Education/Eco-Schools Environment link as well as those who are interested to find out more.



To book your place please complete this [eForm](#)
For questions please email Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk

Eco-Schools and Food for Life Celebration 2021

Thursday 23 September 2021 • 11am – 12noon • Online - TEAMS

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.

We are inviting all schools in the city to attend this virtual event including parents!



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 broadcasts via a web browser (or Microsoft Teams if you have it installed). Viewers will not need a camera or microphone, you will be able to answer questions via the chat box if you don't have access to a microphone.

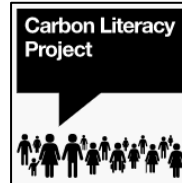


For more information contact:

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Lisa Didier, Soil Association Food for Life
ldidier@soilassociation.org 07718 570945

Virtual Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff, Governors & Trustees



In February 2019, Leicester City Council declared a climate emergency. We are working to develop a climate emergency programme of action to reduce carbon with aim of the city becoming zero carbon.

In order to raise awareness through the community of Leicester we are using the Carbon Literacy Project as a way of accrediting school staff and students to become carbon literate. This equivalent one-day course will enable participants to be carbon literate and support them deliver their own course back in school

Training: Mondays 4, 11, 25 October 2021

4.30-6.30pm each day (you need to attend all 3 sessions to pass)

Training delivered online via Microsoft Teams

Who would benefit from this project: All school staff and governors with an interest in becoming carbon literate, especially those involved in teaching about climate change and the climate emergency in Years 5 and 8.



Why participate?

- Gain a **better understanding of how climate change will affect you and those around you**
- **Become an accredited Carbon Literate individual**
- Acquire knowledge and skills to develop your own responses to lowering your carbon footprint, and the carbon footprint of others
- Gain knowledge of delivering a course about basic climate change science to your students
- Help to enable students to become **carbon literate**

Your commitments

- Attend all three **training online training events** in October 2021
- Complete **feedback** about your experience
- Create at least **one significant action, as an individual**, to reduce your own personal carbon footprint
- Create at **least one significant action involving other people** to reduce the collective footprint of your workplace, community or place of education
- **Encourage your school to participate in carbon literacy** either by delivering training yourself or arranging for Leicester City Council to deliver in-house (at a future date to be confirmed)



To book your place please book via this [eForm](#) or email Eco-Schools@Leicester.gov.uk

Dates for your diary – Eco events

We now have an annual calendar with all the date for the academic year on. This will be updated on a bi-monthly basis. It will be emailed with the eBulletin.



Event Details	Date	Month
Great Big Green Week - school information session 1 (via Teams) 4pm	Wednesday 25	August
Great Big Green Week - school information session 2 (via Teams) 12.30pm	Friday 27	August
Eco-Schools Training - session 1 - 1:00-3:30pm	Wednesday 15	September
World Cleanup Day (Litter)	Saturday 17	September
Great Big Green Week starts	Saturday 18	September
GBGW Film Festival	Monday 20	September
GBGW Secondary Conference 9.30-2.30 (via Teams) GBGW Film Festival	Tuesday 21	September
GBGW Film Festival	Wednesday 22	September
Eco-Schools and FFL celebration – via TEAMS, 11am GBGW Film Festival	Thursday 23	September
GBGW Climate march and picnic - 12noon-2.30pm GBGW Film Festival	Friday 24	September
Great Big Green Week ends	Sunday 26	September
Governor Training, 4.30-6.00pm (via Teams)	Tuesday 28	September
GBGW News Day 9:30am-2:30pm	Wednesday 29	September
Grow Your Own Grub Celebration 1pm (via Teams)	Monday 27	September
GBGW - Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots winners announced 1pm-1.30pm	Thursday 23	September
World Vegetarian Day	Friday 1	October
World Animal Day Carbon Literacy Training 4:30-6:30pm	Monday 4	October
#EcoTeachMeet 4:00-5:30pm	Thursday 7	October
Carbon Literacy Training 4:30-6:30pm	Monday 11	October
Carbon Literacy Training 4:30-6:30pm	Monday 25	October
COP26 starts	Sunday 31	October
World Food Day	Saturday 16	October
World Teacher Day	Tuesday 5	October
Eco-Roadshow - Moat College	Monday 1	November
Eco-Roadshow - Beaumont Leys School	Tuesday 2	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - City of Leicester College	Wednesday 3	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - Orchard Mead College (TBC)	Thursday 4	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - St Paul's Catholic School	Friday 5	November

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Event Details	Date	Month
Eco-Schools Roadshow - Rushey Mead Academy	Monday 8	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - venue TBC	Tuesday 9	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - Castle Mead Academy	Wednesday 10	November
Eco-Schools Roadshow - Soar Valley College	Thursday 11	November
COP26 ends	Friday 12	November
National Tree Week starts	Saturday 27	November
National Tree Week ends World Soil Day	Sunday 5	December
Eco-Schools Training - session 2 - 1:00-3:30pm	Friday 14	January
Fairtrade Fortnight Virtual Assembly, 1:00pm #EcoTeachMeet 4:00-5:30pm	Monday 21	February
World Wildlife Day	Thursday 3	March
International Womens Day	Tuesday 8	March
Grow Your Own Grub Training 4:00-5:30pm	Wednesday 16	March
Global Recycling Day	Friday 18	March
World Water Day	Tuesday 22	March
Earth Day	Friday 22	April
Earth Hour Virtual Assembly 1:00pm	Monday 25	April
Eco-Schools Training - session 3 - 1:00-3:30pm	Monday 9	May
Applying for Green Flag Training - 3:00-4:30pm (via Teams)	Wednesday 11	May
Walk to School Week starts	Monday 16	May
Pumpkin Training 4:00-5:30pm	Thursday 19	May
#EcoTeachMeet 4:00-5:30pm	Tuesday 24	May
Outdoor Classroom Day (TBC)	Friday 20	May
World Environment Day	Sunday 5	June
World Environment Day Virtual Assembly 1pm (via Teams)	Monday 6	June
World Oceans Day	Wednesday 8	June
Celebration Event 2022 9:30am-2:30pm (City Hall)	Wednesday 22	June
Clean Air Day (TBC)	Saturday 18	June
GYOG wheelbarrow collection	Friday 1	July
Grow Your Own Grub Celebration (Abbey Pumping Station)	Saturday 2	July
GYOG return wheelbarrows	Monday 4	July
Plastic bag-free day	Sunday 31	July

- **Leicester - staff training/information**
- **Leicester - student activities/events**
- **National events**

BESS Energy Core 2021-22 12 Month Subscription

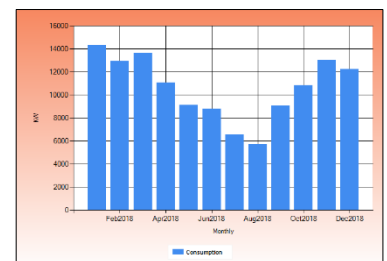
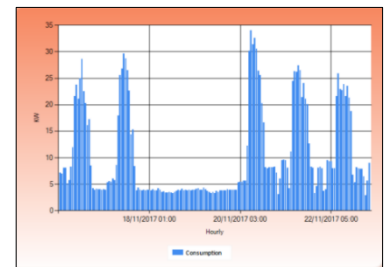
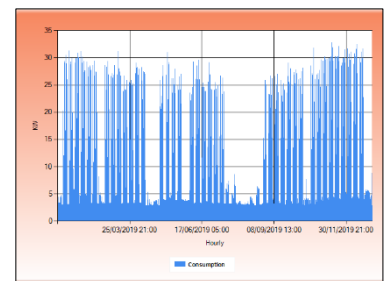
Worried about increasing energy costs? Wanting to save money and improve your environmental credentials?

Energy and water make up 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.

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** (main meter gas or district heat, water, and electricity) throughout your subscription
- Access to **DynamatLite2050**, the updated half-hourly energy and water monitoring website used by Leicester City Council for your own unique 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) *and up to one hour Teams walkthrough of the report*
- **Data report for Academies** – Streamlining Energy and Carbon Reporting (SERC) as required (saving £150)
- **Provision of data** for school's preferred DEC provider
- **Regular updates** via email and Teams online



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

For more information please contact:

The BESS Energy team

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This service will start in September 2021

Price maintained at £495

10% reduction for BESS schools

Sign up to BESS Energy by 31 August 2021 by completing our [online form](#)



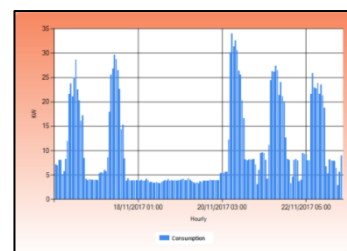
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All the benefits of BESS Energy Core:

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- **Provision of data** for school's preferred DEC provider
- **Regular updates** via email and Teams online

Plus BESS Energy Enhanced:

- **Identification and reporting** of excessive use/wastage (including visits)
- **Provision of your annual DEC certificate** (or subsidised 7 year DEC certificate)
- Online or face to face training **termly**
- **The equivalent of 2 full days of bespoke support** per school (including technical, analysis and education support for staff and pupils) – **see our separate flyer**

"Through monitoring our electricity we discovered our thermal heater timers had a fault, meaning that they were being left on at the weekend - once resolved, this saved hundreds of pounds over the school holidays" **Business Manager, Leicester**

**For more information please contact:
The BESS Energy team**

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Price maintained at £1295
10% reduction for BESS schools

This service will start in September 2021

Sign up to BESS Energy by 31 August 2021 by completing our [online form](#).



To provide Leicester with a high quality, efficient, effective and sustainable built environment

Individual support in BESS Energy Enhanced



Schools and academies that sign up for BESS Energy Enhanced will received 2 days of bespoke support. This time is allocated and agreed on an individual basis depending on the needs of your school.

Below are examples of bespoke services which can be provided:

Technical Support

- Work with individual school or academy staff:
 - Premises team walk round to identify heat/energy wastage
 - ICT shutdown procedure and/or software shutdown
 - Advice on purchasing technical support on your Building Energy Management System (BEMS)
 - Additional support and advice for Salix funded projects

Analysis Support

- Working with the business manager, finance officer and/or premises officer to:
 - Evaluate utility bills for value for money, climate levy and VAT rating
 - Provide advice about changing and comparing tariffs
 - Provide advice and support around historical FIT tariffs
 - Detailed analysis of DynamatLite graphs (daily, weekly) to identify excessive use (e.g. during the day), wastage (e.g. high baseloads overnight and weekends) or leaks (e.g. water).

Educational Support

- Working with whole school staff:
 - Deliver twilight, inset or staff meetings (typically 30-45 minutes) on energy savings
 - DynamatLite training (data analysis with departments or teams)
 - Develop mechanisms for reporting problems with classroom heating/lighting
- Work with individual classes, your school council and/or Eco-Schools team:
 - Active labelling of lights and equipment that can be switched off/remain on
 - Active thermometers in classrooms and offices to report temperature extremes
 - Assemblies on saving energy
 - Designing of posters or 'corporate' posters displayed around schools
 - Developing whole school policy and shutdown procedure
 - Energy monitoring job descriptions
 - Curriculum activities and quizzes
 - Switch off hour/day campaign
 - Detailed analysis of DynamatLite graphs (daily, weekly, monthly, annually)
 - DynamatLite training
 - Campaign and/or national awareness day activities
 - Audits and competitions (class or department focused)



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Built Environment School Service (BESS) Energy Academies 2021-22 Annual Energy and Carbon Report



From 1 April 2020, academy trusts will need to report on environmental reporting regulations. Regulations require large companies that consume more than 40,000 kWh of energy in a reporting period to include certain information about energy efficiency measures. Large companies are defined by sections 465-466 of the Companies Act 2006 as companies which meet 2 out of the following 3 criteria:

- Gross income of £36 million or more;
- Balance sheet assets of £18 million or more; and
- 250 employees or more

The reporting period for academy trusts will be 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.

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

Academies in Leicester City that choose BESS Energy Core or BESS Energy Enhanced will receive BESS Energy Academies as part of the product and do not need to purchase twice, saving £150 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):
 - UK energy use (in kWh) including purchased electricity, gas and transport fuel
 - Associated greenhouse gas emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)
 - At least one 'intensity ratio' that expresses the academy trust's annual 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 collated MAT report provided
- Provision of data for school's preferred Display Energy Certificate (DEC) provider

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

Price maintained at £150 per academy

10% reduction for Leicester BESS schools

For more information please contact:

The BESS Energy team

✉ BESS.Energy@leicester.gov.uk

☎ 0116 454 2271

🌐 schools.leicester.gov.uk/BESS-Energy

This service is available from September 2021

**Sign up to BESS Energy by 31 August 2021
by completing our [online form](#).**



To provide Leicester with a high quality, efficient, effective and sustainable built environment

Eco-Schools Roadshow 2021



Following the cancellation of our roadshow last academic year, we are pleased to confirm we will be hosting a series of mini-conferences in the autumn 2021 term to coincide with the COP26 Conference taking place in Glasgow – **book now to avoid disappointment!**

Monday 1 November 2021	Moat College
Tuesday 2 November 2021	Beaumont Leys School
Wednesday 3 November 2021	The City of Leicester College
Thursday 4 November 2021	Orchard Mead Academy (TBC)
Friday 5 November 2021	St Paul's Catholic School
Monday 8 November 2021	Rushey Mead Academy
Tuesday 9 November 2021	<i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
Wednesday 10 November 2021	Castle Mead Academy
Thursday 11 November 2021	Soar Valley College

Each event will run from approx. 9.15am-12.30pm and will consist of a carousel of 3 interactive and informative workshops, based on the Eco-Schools/COP26 themes



Why attend?

- Gain a greater understanding of **COP26** and **Eco-Schools** topics
- Develop new **campaigns** and identify ways of promoting sustainability in school
- Opportunity to network with other schools and learn about their **environmental projects**
- Find out about local and national **projects** and how to get involved

This free event is **open to all registered Eco-Schools in Leicester**, Primary or Secondary. Schools are invited to bring up to around 15 students to attend. Further details will be provided on booking.



To book your school place please complete the [eForm](#) or email Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk for more information

Eco-Schools Training Session 1

What is Eco-Schools and how has it changed?

FREE Online Training course:

Wednesday 15 September 2021, 1-3.30pm

Sign up [here](#)

There will be 2 in-person follow up sessions throughout the academic year on Friday 14 January and Monday 19 May 2022

- Are you wanting to find out about Eco-Schools and how your school can gain their Green flag Award?
- Do you want to learn about how the Eco-Schools process has changed this year?
- Are you wanting to connect with other school staff in Leicester schools and support each other to gain your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award?

If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes”, then come along and find out more!

In Leicester there are now 52 schools with the prestigious Green Flag Award putting us at number one in England! This training, delivered by Leicester City Council, will explain changes to the Eco-School process, provide top tips for working on Eco-Schools, ideas for new projects, and a chance to pair up with colleagues.



Who would benefit from this course?

Eco-leads and 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.

The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom. Learning outside of the classroom (LOTC) has been identified as ‘memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety’. LOTC provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.

For more information please contact:

Environmental Education Team

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Grow Your Own Grub Competition 2021

After a years hiatus, this year's event was a great success with 15 schools taking part and 200 visitors attending Abbey Pumping Station on Saturday 3rd July to view and judge the entries

It was wonderful to see the fruits of schools labours. It goes without saying that this has been a challenging year so the Environmental Education Team along with Food for Life, The Conservation Volunteers and Public Health would like to issue a massive congratulations to all participants. The drive and passion is wonderful to see.

Without further ado it is a pleasure to announce the winners for 2021...



Menu Design

Our colleagues at City Catering judged the menus on:

- Presentation
- Nutritional value
- Creativity and appeal

All submissions were of a high quality with inventive and tasty dishes. Overall, there were four stand out entries each gaining full marks.

Oaklands school - Grow your own grub menu 2021		
Starter: Carrot & coriander soup Energy, adult (per 172 g serving): 115 kcal, 6% Fat (4.3 g): 6 % low, Saturates (0.5 g): 3 % low, Sugars (7.6 g): 6% low, Salt (0.6 g): 9% medium	Main: Tuna & broccoli pasta bake Energy, adult (per 319 g serving): 464 kcal, 23% Fat (19.1 g): 26 % medium, Saturates (7.9 g): 10 % high, Sugars (9.0 g): 10% low, Salt (1.7 g): 26% medium	Dessert: Scots berry baskets Energy, adult (per basket): 157 kcal, 8% Fat (8.6 g): 12 % medium, Saturates (3.6 g): 18% medium, Sugars (5.6 g): 6% medium, Salt (0.2 g): 3% low

Oaklands School

Meal in a Wheelbarrow Menu
Starter Delicious garden salad Tomatoes, cucumber, carrot and cress on a bed of lettuce
Main Garlic and thyme roast chicken with mashed potatoes, carrots, broccoli and lashings of gravy
Dessert Vanilla ice cream with strawberry sauce, fresh strawberries and mint
Designed by 4ES at Mowmacre Hill

Mowmacre Hill Primary School

Meal barrow competition 2021	
Starters: Chicken Salad	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chicken breasts 2• rose harissa 1 tbsp• coconut oil or quinoa 100g• red onion 1, finely chopped• red pepper 1, sliced• cucumber 1, sliced• flat leaf parley is a small bunch, torn• olive oil 1, a small bunch, torn• almonds a small handful, toasted and roughly chopped	
Main: Shepherd's Pie	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lamb mince 500g• onion 2, finely chopped• carrots 2, grated• celery 2 stalks, finely sliced• thyme a top of chopped leaves• leeks 2 1/2 top of chopped leaves• plain flour 2 tbsp• light lamb or chicken stock 500ml• Worcestershire sauce 1 tbsp• tomato paste 1 tbsp• heavy cream 100ml• butter 10g, plus extra for the top	
Dessert: Rainbow birthday pancake stack	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 150g plain flour• 1 tsp baking powder• pinch of salt• 150ml whole milk• 1 medium egg• 2 tbsp butter, melted• butter or oil for frying• Choice of fruit including: oranges, apples, lemons, kiwis, strawberries, blueberries and mango	

Nurturing Roots Group

STOKES WOOD MOVIE NIGHT MENU
Starter Tentic 'Tinker bell' Tomato soup (V) Creamy tomato soup with fragrant basil and 'Return to Never-land' Pumpkin seeds Served with crusty warm bread
Main 'Cloudy with a Chance of Pizza' BBQ chicken pizza with mushrooms, tomatoes, peppers, onions and avocado. Garnished with fresh basil and lemon juice Vegetarian option available upon request
Dessert 'Snow Whites Apple Pie' (V) Impossible apple pie served with home made vanilla ice cream, decorated with delectable flowers and sprigs of fresh mint
Beverages Traditional cloudy horage lemonade (V)

Stokes Wood Primary School



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Grow Your Own Grub Competition 2021

School Grounds Award

All schools were visited by members of the team to assess various elements of the school grounds growing area. The criteria were:

- Use of site – how the available space has been used and how it fits in to the wider school site.
- Condition of cultivation – how well the area is maintained.
- Crop – not solely based on size or abundance of crop but on the suitability of the crop for the site and how it will be used.
- X-Factor - demonstration of how the competition is integrated into teaching and the food growing is included in the curriculum.
- Environmental practice - use of environmentally friendly practices such as planting for pollinators, use of peat-free compost and rainwater harvesting.

All the judges were impressed with the quality of growing areas on show and each school received a Gold, Silver or Bronze award as seen below.



Name of School	Award
Catherine Junior School	Gold
Christ the King Primary School - Infant Site	Gold
Doveland's Primary School	Gold
Mayflower Primary School	Gold
Mowmacre Hill Primary School	Gold
Nether Hall School	Gold
Nurturing Roots Group	Gold
St Barnabas C of E Primary School	Gold
St John the Baptist Primary School	Gold
Stokes Wood Primary School	Gold
Oaklands School	Silver
Scraptoft Valley Primary School	Silver
St.Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy	Silver
Christ the King Primary School - Junior Site	Bronze
Jameah Girls Academy	Bronze



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Grow Your Own Grub Competition 2021

Mealbarrow Public Vote

We had almost 200 votes submitted at Abbey Pumping Station on Saturday. Visitors were very impressed with the range of crop and the inventiveness of the submissions.

Our Top 3 places are awarded to:

- 1st Place - Nurturing Roots Group
- 2nd Place - St Patricks Primary School
- 3rd Place - Stokes Wood Primary School



Overall Competition Top 3

The overall competition winners are calculated by 25% menu score, 25% school grounds score and 50% public vote. The Top 3 entries will receive garden centre vouchers.

Our Overall Top 3 places are awarded to:

- 1st Place - Nurturing Roots Group
- 2nd Place - Nether Hall School
- 3rd Place - Stokes Wood Primary School



Pumpkin Garden Competition 2021



Don't forget the deadline for the Pumpkin Garden Competition 2021 is Friday 5th November.

Contact the team if you need any advice or support. Call **The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)** on **07971 601227** for advice and support or email midlands@tcv.org.uk

Take a look at the [Leicester Food Growing Facebook Page](#)

Have fun growing your pumpkin garden!



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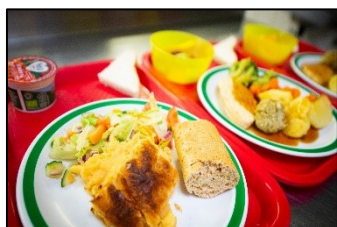
Lower Carbon Lunches for Schools

Climate Action Waste Workshop

Leicester City Council's Environmental Education Team are launching a workshop for students to raise awareness about the climate impacts of food and to reduce waste associated to school meals in the city. *Workshops will take place in September 2021 onwards.*

The workshop will cover four core themes:

- **Energy use** - 40% of a schools carbon footprint is energy and its estimated and average of 20% is wasted due to inefficient use.
- **Food waste** - It's estimated that 30% of the food we produce globally is wasted. If we were to stop food waste it would eliminate 8% of our total global carbon emissions.
- **Packaging waste** - The embodied carbon emissions in packaging also have an impact and we are considering all packaging not just plastic waste.
- **Plant-based meals** - Animal agriculture and intensive farming account for a significant proportion of greenhouse gas emission and we will explore the benefits of increasing plant based meals in school.



Following the workshop your school will choose to focus on at least one of the core themes and will be supported by the Environmental Education Team to develop an action plan and implement changes.

The workshop is primarily aimed at Key Stage 2/3 but can be adapted for other stages. The workshop can be delivered for up to 30 students and would work well for the school's Eco-Team.

For more information please contact:

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Is your school
ready to cut
down on single-
use plastics?

12 million tonnes of plastic are pouring into the ocean every year

Plastic Free Schools is a system shaking, change making pupil led education programme that gives your students the tools to create positive, lasting environmental change



Sign up to the programme and form a pupil led committee to research single-use plastics at your school

Work towards plastic-free accreditation by creating an action plan to tackle the single-use plastics identified



Reach out to local businesses and community groups and ask them to do the same – help save our oceans!

Register for free now on the [Plastic Free Schools website](#) to be part of the solution - not the pollution!



VotesForSchools – 100,000 Children's voices heard

VotesforSchools aim to get 100,000 children's voices heard.

Each week, VotesforSchools creates resources for teachers to hold a debate or discussion on a topical issue. The children and teenagers then have a chance to vote and comment on the topic. They then share that information with those in authority- hugely raising the profile and impact of pupil voice.

VotesforSchools typically receives around 30,000 votes each week. Examples of resources can be found [here](#), and of data reports [here](#).

In the run up to the United Nations conference on climate change in Glasgow this November, COP26, they are working with a range of partner organisations including THE UK COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to explore with children climate change and its effect on their rights. There will be a FREE package of resources to facilitate a debate at Primary, Secondary and 16+, and the chance for children and young people to vote and comment on the question:

'Will climate change affect children's rights?'

Sign up [here](#) to get your children and young people involved!



Be informed.



Be heard.



Be curious.



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Climate/Sustainability INSET video



The UK Schools Sustainability Network (UKSSN) has launched a 60-minute **Climate/Sustainability INSET** video featuring Transform Our World partners [AimHi](#) (on Climate Science), [Thoughtbox](#) (on emotions) and [Let's Go Zero](#) (on School Operations). The [NEU](#) also feature in the video (talking about Curriculum), [Purpose](#) cover Partnerships and [Maxwell Ayamba](#) and Azra Haque talk about Diversity & Inclusion.

It's available on the UKSSN YouTube [playlist](#) with key resources for use in whole-school INSET days or to circulate for independent viewing in the coming academic year. With COP26 happening in November, this is the year to get your whole school trained up, so do talk to your school about programming it in for your INSET days.

Please also share with colleagues and help spread the word!

Zero Carbon Schools

Green Schools Project ([website](#)) is launching the next stage of its Zero Carbon Schools Programme from September. The programme is fully funded and will provide 50 schools with an educational opportunity to involve pupils in the school's journey towards zero carbon emissions. The programme includes:

- Plans and resources for a series of 30 pupil sessions suitable for years 4-9.
- A monthly online 'how to' session for teachers delivering the programme.
- A buddy and peer support system.
- Support to calculate the school's carbon footprint and take steps to reduce it.

For schools that have some budget available we will also deliver a premium version of the programme that includes an assembly, a teacher training session, an introductory call with key staff, and support calls each term.

[View their information sheet online](#) or feel free to contact Beth Newman on beth.newman@greenschoolsproject.org.uk if you have any questions. If you'd like to join the programme, she will also send a school agreement.



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Message in a Bottle Top programme

Plan inspiring, creative lessons with the brand-new Message in a Bottle Top programme by the National Schools Partnership! Linked to art & design, science, maths and citizenship curriculums, this exciting programme will inspire pupils aged 5-11 to learn about plastic waste and its effect on the environment through exciting art activities!

Register for your vibrant resources on [the programme website](#) and receive:

- An interactive PowerPoint lesson.
- Easy-to-use teacher's delivery guide.
- In class and at home activity sheets.
- Design top tips sheet from artists.
- Exciting competition leaflet.



Supports curriculum links (Step 4) including marine and litter topics

Green Influencers Scheme

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (LRWT) are seeking groups of young people (between the ages of 10-14 years) who would like to get involved in the Green Influencers Scheme. This scheme engages with young people (Green Influencers) across England, and promotes youth-led environmental social action. The scheme was set up by The Ernest Cook Trust (a national educational charity) and is match funded with the #iwill Fund, which is supported by The National Lottery Community Fund and Department of Culture, Media & Sport.

The mission of the scheme is to help young people create deep, lasting and meaningful connections with the natural environment. LRWT are a host organisation for the Green Influencers Scheme, and this project, led by LRWT Green Mentor Hannah Keys, will enable Green Influencers to lead the way on youth social action projects within their communities in Leicester, and the surrounding areas. This could involve campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, and will enable young people to make a positive difference, whilst also developing their skills, confidence and knowledge.

The Green Influencer Scheme is in place until January 2023, and the organisers are currently looking to identify groups who are available to start a project in early 2022. If you know of a group of young people who would like to get involved, then they would love to hear from you!



Leicestershire
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How to find out more

For more information about the scheme, or to register an interest, please contact Hannah Keys (Green Mentor) at hkeys@lrwt.org.uk

Further information can also be found at [the Ernest Cook Trust website](https://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk) or [the LRWT website](https://www.lrwt.org.uk).



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Schools topics*



18 – 26
September
2021

#EcoTeachMeets in Leicester

Thursday 7 October 2021

Monday 21 February 2021

Tuesday 24 May 2021



Venues to be confirmed

Sessions typically run 4.30-6pm

If you would like to host an #EcoTeachMeet do get in touch via
Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk

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

All school staff and organisations welcome!

If you would like more information, please contact the Environmental Education Team Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk

It is our intention to host this event in person however we will monitor the Covid-19 situation and switch to a virtual session if necessary



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The 3 Engineers

The aim of The3Engineers is to raise awareness of environmental issues and provide content in the form of activity sheets, school resource ideas, and three tailor-made rhyming children's books. The trilogy is called 'The Adventures of Scout', with each book seeing Scout discover an environmental problem and exploring the causes behind it.



The3Engineers (www.the3engineers.com) are a team of three submarine engineers who have designed and written a set of fun rhyming children's books called 'The adventures of Scout'. The aim of these books is to educate and encourage readers to join Scout's team and help better the planet by; picking up litter, planting seeds to feed the bees and upcycling household waste to enhance habitats for local wildlife.

The3Engineers are about to launch a national campaign, where they will pledge to distribute their first book (called "STOP DROPPING LITTER") to every Primary school in the UK. The book will be accompanied by a set of learning materials for teachers and home schooling, and cover areas focused on STEM and Environmental Sustainability.

If you like the sound of this project and want to get involved you're in luck! The3Engineers are looking for volunteers to help create and trial the learning materials that will accompany the book. Whether you're a graphic designer wanting to add to your portfolio or a teacher looking to do something different, we want to hear from you! To find out more contact the the3engineers at contact@the3engineers.com

Listen to the audiobooks on The3Engineers [website](http://www.the3engineers.com) and follow them on their official [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/the3engineers) to help fund 25,000 copies of the first book, with the intent to provide a copy to every Early Years and Primary School in the UK.

Food route: a journey through food

Lunch box audit results		
Food group	Pre audit	Post audit
Starchy carbohydrate	87%	99%
Protein	60%	85%
Fruit and vegetables	47%	62%
Dairy and alternatives	58%	73%
A drink of either water or milk- tooth kind drinks.	41%	56%
A bag of crisps	63%	61%
Chocolate type snacks	76%	73%
Healthy Balance - A choice from each section of the eatwell guide	44%	51%



Food route is a programme commissioned by Leicester City Council in partnership with 'Food for Life' (FFL). Once you have joined Food for Life, Food Route can support your school with:

- Carrying out packed lunch audits and work around healthy packed lunches (virtual option available)
- Working with your School Nutrition Action Groups (SNAG) and staff
- Helping you with healthy changes to packed lunches brought from home
- Offering resources which support you to embed healthy food into school life

How to find out more

Email: jill.tipple@lincs.nhs.uk or
phone: 0116 295 0334

Just look at their lunchbox audit results!



Supports Healthy Living topic

Climate Action: Race to Zero Competition

The Roots & Shoots team have another competition to offer - in partnership with Climate Action: Race to Zero, the Climate Force Challenge can help young people finance their innovative environmental projects.

Five winners will get £1,500 by making efforts to cut down on CO₂ within their lifestyles – and here's how:

- Reduce – this might include reducing electricity usage by turning off lights at school/ home or saving water (and hence energy)
- Reuse – this might include using a re-usable water bottle or coffee cup, Tupperware instead of clingfilm, etc.
- Recycle – e.g., plastic and glass bottles, cans, textiles, etc. Learn why it is important to recycle properly and how it affects our environment if we don't.
- Plant – Individuals can offset their own CO₂ emissions by planting six trees per month. So, green your local area to offset CO₂ emissions!



The deadline is Friday 11 February 2022, and the winners will be announced on 19 February 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Jasmina Georgovska at jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk



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AimHi: Climate Course for Teachers



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AimHi takes place over 4 consecutive weeks, with start dates on 20 September and 26 September 2021. Find out more on [the AimHi website](https://www.aimhi.org.uk).

Everything you need to know about climate, nature and how to make a difference. A live and empowering four-part course.

Bringing together top-level scientists, educators, behavioural psychologists and expert communicators to equip you with all you need to know about climate, nature and how to make a difference.

Get to grips with key climate concepts in four interactive lessons and feel empowered to make positive change, break through misinformation and focus on solutions – as well as learning how to bring to the classroom!

AimHi's climate and nature course is open to everyone, but first and foremost, it was written for teachers. Together we can change the world and fix our future.

The Tree Council Branching Out Fund



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The Tree Council has opened applications for funds available to assist schools, community groups and member Tree Warden Networks, proposing to undertake well-planned tree planting projects this winter.

Children and/or young people up to the age of 21 should be involved in the planting, and ideally the planning of the project, and you should be able to show that thought and care has gone into how it will enhance biodiversity in your local area.

Last year, we successfully supported 3 Leicester schools with Branching Out Fund projects, so apply now and bring your great outdoor ideas to life! You can read all the guidance notes and apply for the funding on [the Tree Council website](https://www.thetreecouncil.org/).

Applications opened Monday 2 August, and will close on Friday 17 December at 5pm – however, the Tree Council encourage early applications to ensure availability of stock. Applicants should be informed of their success within three weeks.

Sustainable September



ASDA



Supports waste and healthy living Eco-Schools topics

The National Schools Partnership is offering free resource packs to the first 1,000 schools to sign up to the Asda Food Rangers programme available to teachers and parents!

Challenge pupils with 5 important missions to help reduce food waste and encourage others to do the same. They will earn badges for each completed mission and a certificate when they become fully fledged Food Rangers. Resources include:

- Teacher notes. Your step-by-step guide to the Food Rangers programme.
- Presentation. Colourful introduction perfect for a whole school assembly.
- Mission stickers. A sticker for each completed mission.
- Pupil certificates. Reward pupils when they complete all 5 missions.
- Home activity pack. Creative activities for pupils to complete with the family.

You can register for this programme on [the National Schools Partnership website](https://www.national-schools-partnership.org/). Why not also reach out to your local Asda Community Champion and arrange an in-store visit for your class? If you are not sure who your local Community Champion is, visit [the Asda store locator](https://www.asda.com/food-rangers).

The Tree Council – Orchards for Schools

The Tree Council is delighted to announce that applications for their orchard and hedgerow packs are once again open for schools to apply!

Their packs of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard trees or mixed hedgerows will inspire teachers and students around the country to get outdoors, plant and care for trees. Teachers will also receive an engaging set of resources, all linked to the national curriculum, to help inspire students to be a Force for Nature.

Before you apply, make sure you read the application guidance on [the Tree Council website](https://www.treecouncil.org.uk/schools) to help you plan your planting project.

Applications will be accepted during these two windows:

1. From 6 July - 23 July (12 noon) 2021 (or sooner if stocks run out)
2. From 30 August - 1 October (12 noon) 2021 (or sooner if stocks run out)

Please note that the programme is only open to new applicants.



For more information, [read the programme FAQs](#), or contact Richard and Juliette from the National Schools Programme Team at schools@treecouncil.org.uk



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Practical Action Schools Resources

Practical ACTION



Education charity Practical Action have released free STEM teaching resources just in time for the new term!

The free science, design and technology resources fit the UK curriculum and engage children in real world issues including climate change, renewable energy, food security and disaster preparedness.

Their STEM challenges also make ideal activities for primary and secondary aged children. Each challenge is easy to navigate as they include a Teacher's guide to running the challenge, activity sheets, a PowerPoint, a poster and certificates.

Whether your children are developing a floating garden, designing a hand-washing station or reusing plastic for enterprise, they will love developing their own ingenious solution to a real world problem – so check out the free resources on [the Practical Action website](#)!

For more information, [contact Practical Action](#). You can also keep up to date with further news from Practical Action by signing up to their newsletter on the [front page of the website](#).



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Salix Programme



The Salix programme is designed to carry out carbon reduction schemes in maintained schools and other council-owned buildings such as libraries and leisure centres, with a total of 93 sites across Leicester. Over the last few weeks, a number of independent site surveys have been carried out at schools and council-owned buildings, which will enable detailed designs for energy efficiency measures such as LED lighting, Photovoltaic panels (PV), Fenestration (window) works, Air Source Heat Pumps, and more. Surveys are now nearing completion, with the remaining few taking place next week. Last month, works took place at Barley Croft Primary School and Marriott Primary School to replace existing lighting with more energy efficient LED lighting.

We have recently been in touch with some project sites that are due to have LED lighting installed to replace existing lighting as part of the Salix programme. The Salix Project Team are now arranging works pre-start meetings between these sites and the City Council's LED contractors, Energy Saving Lighting (ESL).

Each site has a dedicated project manager (Alan Evans or John Squires), however if you have a general question or need to get in touch with the Salix Project Team email us at Salix.Project.Team@leicester.gov.uk

Selection of LED and new window installs across school sites



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