

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the early September **Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. We have lots of events and activities taking place this term (and lots planned for the rest of the academic year). Dates for your diary this coming term:

- **Great Big Green Week** – 18 September – 26 September, including:
 - **Environmental Film Festival** – Phoenix Cinema, Monday 20 – Thursday 23 September
 - **Secondary School's Conference** – online, Tuesday 21 September, [eForm](#)
 - **Great Big Green Litter Pick and Climate March** – Abbey Park, Friday 24 September, [eForm](#)
 - **Documentary Media Centre Newsroom** – online ([Facebook page](#)), Wednesday 29 September
- **Eco-Schools training** – one per term (and builds on each) – Wednesday 15 September 2021, Friday 14 January 2022, and Monday 9 May 2022, all 1.00-3.30pm
- **Governors training** – Tuesday 28 September, 4.30-6.00pm, [eForm](#)
- **Grow Your Own Grub celebration** – Monday 27 September, 1.00-2.00pm via [Teams link](#)
- **Carbon Literacy training** – Monday 4, Monday 11, and Monday 25 October, all 4.30-6.30pm, [eForm](#)

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

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September Newsletter

The latest newsletter can be downloaded from the schools' extranet (and attached to this email).

It contains information about all the upcoming events as well as:

- Events Calendar 2021/22
- Environmental Education Team roles and responsibilities
- Tree Council grants
- Sustainable September
- Practical Action Resources
- Aim Hi Climate Course
- Great Big Green Week
- Much more....



You can read the newsletter on [the schools' extranet](https://schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools).

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.



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

Eco-Schools Governor and Trustee Training 2021

In Leicester, there are over 100 schools registered on the Eco-Schools programme with over 50 Green Flags. An upcoming training course, free and open to all schools in Leicester City and delivered by Leicester City Council, will support your understanding 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. Find out how your school can link with Eco-Schools and similar environmental programmes local and nationally, learn more about the Let's Go Zero 2030 campaign, and more! You can see a larger version of the flyer in the attached newsletter or on [our website](#).

The training will be taking place on **Tuesday 28 September, 4.30-6.00pm**, via a **Microsoft Teams** link that will be shared closer to the time. To sign up, please fill out this [online eForm](#).

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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.
- Understand the role of the Environmental Education/Eco-Schools link governor/trustee.
- Find out how your school can link with Eco-Schools and similar environmental programmes local and nationally.
- 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 Training programme

We are also running a free online Eco-Schools training session on **Wednesday 15 September 2021, 1.00-3.30pm**. The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom.

This training is suited to 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.

If you are wanting to find out about Eco-Schools and how your school can gain their Green flag Award, learn about how the Eco-Schools process has changed this year, or connect with other school staff in Leicester schools and support each other, then sign up using this [online eForm](#). You can also see a larger version of this flyer in the attached newsletter or on [our website](#).

Eco-Schools Training Session 1

What is Eco-Schools and how has it changed?

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Sign up [here](#)

- 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?

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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.

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Eco-Schools and Food for Life celebration 2021



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 on Thursday 23 September 2021, 11am – 12noon.**

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

Join on the day using this [link](#) to access the event – we hope to see you there!

You can also read more about the event in the attached newsletter or [view the flyer online](#).

Carbon Literacy training – School staff, governors & trustees

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 to deliver their own course back in school. Following the success of our recent virtual courses we are hosting another starting in October 2021 on the following dates:

- Monday 4, Monday 11, and Monday 25 October, all 4.30-6.30pm (You must attend all sessions to pass)

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 information



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. Please find the full 2021-2022 academic year calendar attached to this eBulletin!

This calendar will be a feature of all our future eBulletins and in a different form within our quarterly newsletters, colour coded for ease of viewing. Up-to-date versions of both will be available on [the schools extranet](#).

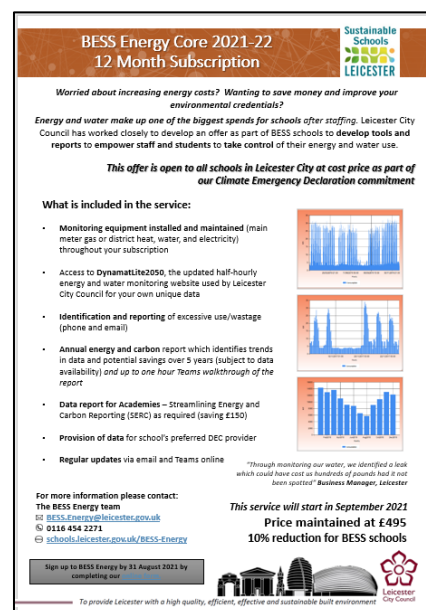
If you have any questions about events within the calendar, email Eco-Schools@Leicester.gov.uk

BESS Energy

Energy and water are two of the biggest spends for schools after staffing. Leicester City Council has worked 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.

As an example, the BESS Energy Core subscription includes:

- **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
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12 Month Subscription

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*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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or schools.leicester.gov.uk/BESS-Energy

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...

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

Leicester City Council

There is still time to sign up to BESS Energy Core, BESS Energy Enhanced, or BESS Energy Academies starting in September 2021 – if you are interested in signing up, please fill out [the official eForm](#). To find out more, you can refer to the attached newsletter or visit our [BESS Energy web page](#), or [our BESS Energy Academies web page](#).

Eco-Schools/COP26 Roadshow

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!

Between **Monday 1 November and Thursday 11 November 2021**, various Leicester City schools will host exciting activities focusing on our environment. 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. You can view the full schedule in [the online flyer](#).

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.



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Monday 1 November 2021	Most 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	Rushby Mead Academy
Tuesday 9 November 2021	Venue to be confirmed
Wednesday 10 November 2021	Castle Mead Academy
Thursday 11 November 2021	Sear Valley College

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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

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The Tree Council Branching Out Fund



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! Applications will close on **Friday 17 December at 5pm** – however, the Tree Council encourage early applications to ensure availability of stock. You can read all the guidance notes and apply for the funding on [the Tree Council website](#).

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