

# Schools' monthly eBulletin

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Dear colleague,

# Welcome to the November Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin!

We continue the theme of COP26 which officially started today. The conference is being held in Glasgow, Scotland, between **Sunday 31** October 2021 and Friday 12 November 2021.





During COP26 we'll be hosting 7 roadshows across secondary schools in Leicester. They are all now fully booked, and we are looking forward to sharing with you the outcomes in our next newsletter.

Twinkl and various other NGOs have got together and produced a fantastic resource pack to download for free. You can look at assembly packs, activities and teacher guides on their <u>website</u>.



#### **Green Hearts Campaign**

We are running a Green Hearts from Leicester campaign in partnership with Leicester Friends of the Earth . The campaign aims to give Leicester's citizens a voice at the global climate conference being held in Glasgow.

We're inviting individuals, businesses and different faith and community groups across the city to get involved, and we would love your school to take part too.

Write a pledge to take action for the climate on a green paper heart and put a photo of your pledge on social media or send your green heart to the council's sustainability team before 1 November

A public display of green hearts will be held in Town Hall Square, Leicester on Saturday 6 November to mark international day of action at COP26. The pledges will then be sent to the Director of Communications at COP26 in Glasgow.



See the attached information pack for further details about the campaign, including pledge ideas and a template that you can use to make your green heart. Why not get your friends and family involved, the more pledges the better! For more information, please visit the event webpage.

#### **Rethink Food Learning Modules**



Rethink Food, Quorn Foods and the Greggs Foundation have

collaborated to create a learning module designed to provide children and young people with an introduction to COP26.

The module is based around a short film with follow up questions and activities. The film outlines COP26 as an event and



highlights how our collective actions are contributing to climate change. To help offset any climate anxiety, the follow up activities encourage children and young people to take positive action in support of a more sustainable future.

The entire module can be accessed via the Rethink Food Academy platform (please email <a href="mailto:info@rethinkfood.co.uk">info@rethinkfood.co.uk</a> for access). Alternatively, you can <a href="mailto:view the film on Vimeo">view the film on Vimeo</a> and learn more on the teacher notes on the attached pdf.

### <u>Christmas Jumper Swap Shop 2021 – Leicester City Council</u>

There are more than 65 million Christmas jumpers in UK homes. Over 12 million are sold every year! Many are only worn once. Nearly all Christmas jumpers contain plastic.

We have designed a campaign to reduce the number of new jumpers bought specifically for Christmas jumper day and reduce the amount of clothing waste as staff and pupils will keep for next year. **Participate in November and December 2021.** 

Find out more and how to participate on the schools' extranet page.



## **Wombles In Litter Education**

The South Leicestershire Litter Wombles, a volunteer group formed in 2019, aims to combat the amount of litter in our environment and counter the lack of respect people seem to have when discarding their waste, without a thought for our planet.

As a group they have recognised that education is the key to change. Their belief is that by getting children involved in caring for our planet it will stop them from forming bad habits in the future.

They can offer free whole school assemblies with an age appropriate 30-35-minute presentation. This can be either in person or virtually through Zoom. The Wombles are also happy to offer advice on litter picking which can count to your school's Eco-School Award.



#### **Green Jumper Day 2021**

Green Jumper is all about raising awareness around climate change, it's about educating the next generation, it's about planting trees... it's about raising money to do these things.

On 26 November 2021, Green Jumper Day, put on a jumper, a green one, go to work, to school, to the shops, but expect it to

be a little cooler than usual as all involved turn down the heating for the day, to save energy.

On Green Jumper Day, we are asking everyone, school children, politicians and footballers, shopkeepers and shoppers, big business owners and those staying at home, to turn down the thermostat, keep warm in a green jumper, and make a donation to help Green Jumper achieve its goals.



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