

Welcome to the **November Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**.

We have lots of exciting events and training planned for the next few months so read on to find out more!

Upcoming events and competitions:

Eco-Schools Roadshow – **Throughout November**

Energy Sparks Training – **Tuesday 12th November**



*Grow Your Own Grub Celebration at
Stokes Wood Primary School*

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 Sustainable Schools Team have their own social media channels where you can keep up to date with all things related to sustainability in schools.



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WWF Action for Nature Grants

Micro grants of up to £1,000 are available to primary, secondary, sixth form, or higher education colleges and SEN schools in Leicester and Leicestershire. These grants can be spent on a variety of things to enable schools to run nature activities and projects:

- To hire equipment or means of transport for the approved project
- To support the purchase of materials or resources that will boost nature on schools grounds
- To support the purchase of resources that will bring nature into the classroom
- To purchase equipment that will aid children to get outside and enjoy nature
- To cover costs of holding events/workshops
- To support training or development costs (but not costs to attend an existing training event/class)
- To cover staff costs
- To cover expenses or travel costs, including for volunteers (all expenses must be receipted)

As these grants are only available to schools in Leicester and Leicestershire, if you apply there is a good chance you will be successful. Applications close 6 December 2024. Apply by filling in an the [online webform](#). Any issues please email education@wwf.org.uk or for support completing the form email Jasmine.Walker@leicester.gov.uk

WWF Environment Leaders Programme: a leadership pathway for KS3 and KS5 training opportunity – 20 November

Discovery Webinar

Developing your leadership pathway for
KS3 - KS5

Wednesday, 20 November 2024



This discovery webinar will take you through the Environment Leaders Programme (ELP), developed in partnership with WWF and the RSPB.

ELP is underpinned by the Level 2 Qualification in Leadership Skills and the Level 3 Qualification in Leading a Project for Positive Change. We are now offering a limited number of funded places for the Level 2 Trailblazer (pilot) phase, which will start in January 2025.

This webinar will give an insight into how schools, colleges, clubs and other educational settings can use ELP to develop a pathway of leadership skill development through an environmental lens.

Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024

Time: 16:15 – 17:15

Hosts: Leadership Skills Foundation, WWF and the RSPB

Book your place [here](#) or contact Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk for more information.

Our Schools, Our World

There are a three remaining spaces on the “**Our Schools, Our World**” programme for Leicester primary, infant, and junior schools. Funded through Lets Go Zero, Our Schools, Our World is a programme of support for 20 schools in the city to integrate environmental education into the curriculum and develop systems and practices which support sustainability. In their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy the DfE have stated “**By 2025, all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan**”, to help embed sustainability in all they do. Our School, Our World offers you the support to put this into place as well as preparing our young people for a changing world. Sign up and find out more [here](#).

Carbon Literacy Project

We have been using the Carbon Literacy Project for the last 5 years to raise awareness of the climate emergency, as a way of accrediting school staff to become Carbon Literate. By 2025, the DfE have said that each school will have a sustainability lead who will have taken part in Carbon Literacy Training. By joining us, you will help put your school ahead of the rest! Our next sessions are in person on Tuesday 4 February 2025; Friday 16 May 2025 9am – 4pm at City Hall, Charles Street, Leicester. Complete the [eForm](#) to book your space or for more information, contact Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk.



Plastic Clever Schools International Day of Action

Ready to take action on plastic pollution? On the 15th November Plastic Clever Schools is hosting an International Day of Action - with exciting assemblies, workshops and competitions across the day. Register today to receive your free event pack!

Register:

<https://plasticcleverschools.co.uk/international-day-of-action/>



Cyclehoop cycle storage funding

The [Cyclehoop Education Fund](#) supports schools across the UK by providing grants to install secure cycle parking facilities. The initiative encourages more students to cycle, contributing to healthier, more sustainable school commutes while reducing local traffic congestion. Applications close 15 November.

Apply now: [Cyclehoop Education Fund Application Link](#)

OVO Foundation Nature Prize (Open to UK schools)

The OVO Foundation Nature Prize is **now open to applications**. Schools can win a cash prize of £200 or £1000 to support them implement a community nature project. Schools from less advantaged areas with high pupil premium are encouraged to apply.

Applications will close on **Monday 25 November 2024** – click [here](#) to find out more and read about previous winners.

The3Engineers National STEM Online School Talk – Green Careers Week

“Did you know that 65% of children born today will work in jobs that don't even exist yet”.... How crazy is that!

So in light of this crazy statistic, we just wanted to make you aware that we are giving a ****FREE*** online school talk for ‘Green Careers Week’ on Friday the 8th of November at 9:15am. The event is advertised nationally by ‘STEM Learning UK’ and you can sign up through the link below. Please feel free to share to other teachers, schools and your network. To find out more about our books and project visit our website here:

www.the3engineers.com

During the talk we hope to inspire children through Scout’s adventures and then give a talk about engineering and the kinds of careers this could lead to. What a great way to link STEM subjects and start that conversation towards future careers.

Register: [Green Careers Week with The3Engineers | SAIS](#)



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The book took a whopping 452,850 digital brushstrokes to create!

Teams Live

Green Careers Week by The3Engineers

Fri 8th November / 9:15 – 9:45am

Join The3Engineers team to hear about their series of engaging books which bring awareness of environmental issues. Suitable for KS1 & KS2 / P1 – P4 Students

The team of submarine engineers will give a presentation for ‘Green Careers Week’ and read their first book in the series ‘The Adventures of Scout’ called, “STOP DROPPING LITTER”. They will also hold space for an interactive Q&A session for schools to ask any questions.

The3Engineers have also created some fantastic ‘FREE’ STEM resources for your schools to try: www.the3engineers.com



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CLICK THE LINK BELOW:
<https://www.stemambassadors.scot/event-details/green-careers-week-with-the3engineers>

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