


# Training Opportunities

<b>Eco-Committee / Action Team Training</b>	<b>Tues 7th Feb 10.00-2.00pm</b> , Bishops Wood	
<b>Eco-Schools; getting started to going for Green Flag</b>	<b>Weds 8th Feb 9.00-4.00pm</b> , Bishops Wood	
<b>Energy Management / AMR Training</b> <i>For Primary &amp; Secondary staff</i>	<b>Tues 22nd Feb 9.00-1.00pm</b> , Bishops Wood	
<b>Energy Management / AMR Training</b> <i>Primary pupils— now full (contact us for cluster training)</i>	<b>Weds 23rd Feb 10.00-2.00pm</b> , Hagley Primary School	
<b>Governor Training</b>	<b>Weds 21st Mar 7.00-9.00pm</b> , Pitmaston House	

All above courses are FREE to schools signed up to the Property Services Schools' Service Level Agreement  
Full details of the Learning for Sustainability courses can be downloaded from: [www.edulink.networcs.net](http://www.edulink.networcs.net)  
(Teaching & Learning, Education for Sustainable Development pages).  
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## Bishops Wood Centre— courses and programmes

Fantastic range of courses and programmes ; Courses for Positive Environmental Change, Schools Programmes, Global Learning & Sustainability..... and more!  
For further details and information visit: [www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk)  
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# Dates for your diary

## District Eco-Schools Meetings; Local Well-being theme! Share ideas, get inspired!

Five District Eco-Schools meetings have been arranged for this term. The meetings are a great opportunity for schools to network, share ideas, best practice, enjoy a 'tour' from the host school and catch up with latest developments in Learning for Sustainability! The theme for the meetings this term will be **local well-being** and we'll be sharing experiences of the successful Eco-Communities Pilot project ran in Worcestershire 2010-2011.



All meetings start at **3.45pm with refreshments and end by 5.30pm**. It would be fantastic if you could join us!  
**Please book a place** at any of the dates below. **Contact Amy Lunt** 01905 766809 [alunt@worcestershires.gov.uk](mailto:alunt@worcestershires.gov.uk)

1. **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** **St George's Catholic Primary School, Worcester**
2. **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February :** **King Charles 1 School, Kidderminster**
3. **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** **Birchensale Middle School, Redditch**
4. **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** **Simon de Montfort Middle School, Evesham**
5. **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** **Somers Park Primary School, Malvern**

## Worcestershire Eco-Schools Summer Conferences!



The annual Worcestershire Eco-Schools Conferences for Eco Committees and Eco-Coordinators will be held at Bishops Wood Centre on Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th July (First & Primary Schools), Thursday 5th (Primary & Middle Schools), Friday 6th July (High Schools)... further details to follow!

## Learning for Sustainability at The Hive!



The Learning for Sustainability Team are planning a big event at the new Hive building in Worcester on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The event will be a fantastic opportunity for a number of primary and high schools to come and explore the sustainability features of the building, meet the teams involved with opportunities to take part in hands on workshops and explore further visits and opportunities at The Hive. All schools will have received notification of this event in December 2011, via the schools e-black bag system.

**Climate Week** 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March [www.climateweek.com](http://www.climateweek.com)  
**Earth Day** 22<sup>nd</sup> April [www.earthday.org/earth-day-2012](http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2012)

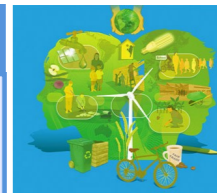
**Waste Week** 12th –18th March  
**Bug Month** - March

# Learning for Sustainability Newsletter (from the LfS Forum)

## January 2012

Happy New Year— welcome back and welcome to the Spring edition of the LfS newsletter! We hope you had a great break.

After an amazing last term - working with and engaging 80 plus schools in our training and network meetings etc. the Service Level Agreement seems to be working well for you. You'll find in this issue details of further courses, District Eco-Schools Meetings, conference dates, resources and more!  
[www.edulink.networcs.net](http://www.edulink.networcs.net) (Teaching & Learning, ESD pages)  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability)  
[www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk) **Amy, Rupert & John** (LfS Team)



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## News, Events & Information

### King Charles 1 High School partners with Midlands' largest electrical recycler and receives cash back for material!

In support 2011's International Recycling Week, Overton Recycling (the largest Waste Electrical and Electronic (WEEE) recycler in The Midlands) worked with King Charles 1 High School in Kidderminster to help recycle unwanted electrical items.



Members of King Charles 1 School Eco-Committee with WEEE recycling bank

Designed to educate young people in how to dispose of WEEE in an environmentally responsible way, the week-long campaign ran from 4 - 11 Nov 2011. This followed an extensive period of planning with the school's proactive Eco Committee. To help raise awareness and encourage responsible citizenship, an advertising campaign ran on the school's plasma screens since September.

Throughout the week, pupils, staff and visitors were encouraged to discard of all types of unwanted small electrical items from both home and school including electronic games, printers, PCs, scanners etc in to a bright pink 'WEEE Bank', situated at the front of the school entrance. As part of International Recycling Week, Overton is rebating the school with £60 for every tonne of material collected. To help promote the event, the Eco Committee delivered presentations to Year 9 students, a poster competition, text messages to parents and a kick-off assembly by Alison Powell from Overton Recycling was also held.

Eileen Stead, Business & Enterprise Manager KC1 School

### Awareness days, action days and campaigns

<b>RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch/">http://www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch/</a>
<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb-11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<a href="http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/">http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/</a>
<b>National Nest Box Week</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<a href="http://www.bto.org/nnbw/index.htm">http://www.bto.org/nnbw/index.htm</a>
<b>World Day of Social Justice</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> February	<a href="http://www.globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/">http://www.globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/</a>
<b>World Water Day</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<a href="http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/">http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/</a>
<b>WWF Earth Hour</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March	<a href="http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/">http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/</a>

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### Green Flag Success!



Congratulations to the following schools who have recently been awarded a Green Flag.

- **Abbey Park First School**
- **Fairfield First School**
- **Whittington CE Primary School**
- **St George's Catholic Primary School**

## News, Events & Information

### Nunnery Wood High School explore a whole school approach to Litter & Waste!

Nunnery Wood High School have dedicated this year to exploring the themes of Litter and Waste. The Autumn term 2011 has seen the whole school take part in a Litter and Waste PSHE lesson where all students were surveyed on their litter habits and attitudes and were invited to consider their impact on the local environment and beyond.

The student survey revealed that 81% of students across the school have placed recyclable items into litter bins and that 50% of students have dropped litter in the playground. 60% of those surveyed felt that NWHS has a litter problem – so we're doing something about it!

Each form group was invited to develop an Anti-Litter action plan – a project to complete with their form groups before the end of the school year. Plans have ranged from campaigns to reduce food packaging to decorating recycling bins.

Each form has been designated a litter responsibility area around the school – form eco reps and members of the Eco Action Team have been monitoring form rooms each week for litter and the best room in each year will be recognised and rewarded at the end of term. We have also run an Anti-Litter poster campaign which received over 150 entries. The winning designs are now on display in the school foyer and will also be used for display in form rooms.

Elly Lengthorn, Nunnery Wood High School Eco-Coordinator



Nunnery Wood High School  
Eco-Committee with poster designs

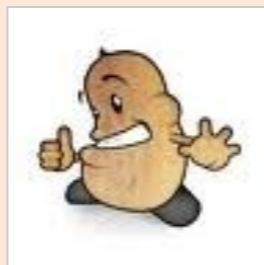
### Free Trees from Woodland Trust

To celebrate the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's historic 2012 Diamond Jubilee, the Woodland Trust is helping millions of people across the UK to come together to plant **6 million trees**. To get involved with Jubilee Woods and order a free pack of trees go to: [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/get-involved/Pages/school-tree-packs.aspx](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/get-involved/Pages/school-tree-packs.aspx) For advice on the most suitable areas of your school grounds to plant them contact the School Grounds Service at Bishops Wood. [bishopswoodcentre@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:bishopswoodcentre@worcestershire.gov.uk)



### Grow Your Own Potatoes

The Three Counties Showground will be going potato mad as it hosts its second Potato Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, in alliance with **The Potato Council's nationwide initiative, 'Grow Your Own Potatoes'**. Once registered with the Potato Council, Primary Schools will receive their free growing kits, lesson plans and the chance to win prizes. To register your school with **Grow Your Own Potatoes** please visit: <http://gyop.potato.org.uk>.



Schools can also sign up to the Showground's free Potato day. Potato Day will consist of a variety of potato related activities, including the chance to sample yummy potato treats, plenty of potato games and fun including potato printing and planting and growing advice from a local farmer. The 'Grand Potato Weigh In' will take place at the annual Three Counties Show (15-17 June 2012) with the results going forward to the regional and national finals. Contact Sue Hodgson-Jones [sue@threecounties.co.uk](mailto:sue@threecounties.co.uk)/01684 584907 if you'd like to attend The Potato Day (12<sup>th</sup> March) at the Showground.

### Co-operative Green Schools Revolution

Green Schools Revolution is an inspiring UK sustainability education programme with resources, activities and trips to encourage school children from the age of five to 16 to think differently and to get involved. Lesson plans, whole school activities on the themes of energy, water and healthy living. [www.co-operative.coop/green-schools-revolution/about-green-schools/resources/](http://www.co-operative.coop/green-schools-revolution/about-green-schools/resources/)



**Opal Bugs Count** – join a nationwide bug hunt! [www.opalexplornature.org/bugscount](http://www.opalexplornature.org/bugscount)

**The Farm Behind The Food**– 50 practical teaching ideas [www.face-online.org.uk/farmbehindthefood](http://www.face-online.org.uk/farmbehindthefood)

**Tide~ Global Learning** - have launched their fantastic new website!! Check it out [www.tidec.org](http://www.tidec.org)

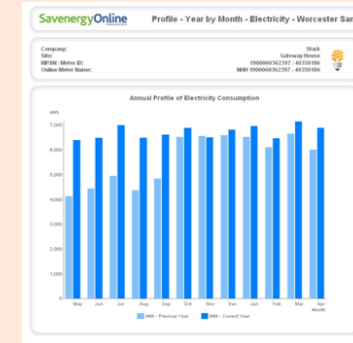
## News, Events & Information– Energy Focus

### Tenacres First School- experiences of the Energy Management Training

Our Head Teacher, Site Manager and myself as Office Manager attended an Energy Management / AMR course together (Nov '11). The hands on training run by the Learning for Sustainability Team enabled us to look at our own data and this generated ideas, which we were able to add to and incorporate into an action plan as part of a joint planning exercise. The course covers all aspects of energy management; financial, monitoring, premises considerations and curriculum links, encouraging a whole school approach and linking to Eco-Schools. We benefitted from all aspects of the course and having relevant input from each of us, looking at our specific school issues. It is hugely beneficial to have representatives from each area of school involved in energy management and attending this course. We are enthused about energy management, already implementing ideas generated from the course and confident we will utilise the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) software to full effect in our school!

(Annette Shillaker, Headteacher; Bob Fletcher, Site Manager; Michaela Carpenter, Office Manager)

Please see back page for up and coming Energy Management Training dates. For any queries regarding the AMR being fitted to schools; contact WCC Property Services Energy Team: 01905 766448 Email: [energy@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:energy@worcestershire.gov.uk)



### Climate Week; Britain's Biggest Climate Change Campaign - 12 to 18 March 2012

Climate Week is a supercharged national campaign to inspire a new wave of action on climate change. Climate Week 2011 culminated in over 3,000 events attended by half a million people across the UK.



Climate Week is backed by every part of society - from the Department of Education to Paul McCartney, the NHS to the National Trust, the TUC to the CBI, Girlguiding UK to the National Association of Head Teachers.

A fun, easy and free way to get involved is the **Climate Week Challenge**. A one day challenge – revealed online and a great opportunity to develop team-working, enterprise, innovation, creativity and communications skills, as well as focusing on the solutions to climate change! But it's up to you how you'd like to get involved. For more ideas visit the Ideas Bank at [www.climateweek.com](http://www.climateweek.com) email [info@climateweek.com](mailto:info@climateweek.com) or tel on 020 3397 2601.

### Open Door policy or free-flow play making rooms cold? Want to conserve heat and save money?

Clear **PVC door curtains** fitted to areas in schools where doors need to be left open such as reception rooms, free flow play etc. can greatly help reduce heat loss from rooms and make a more comfortable indoor environment. The curtains also help reduce fuel bills, noise pollution, blowing papers etc. Schools that have these door curtains fitted have found them to be very beneficial. Two local suppliers are (others can be found on web): ClasShield (based in Bromsgrove) Email: [playservices@btinternet.com](mailto:playservices@btinternet.com) Call: 0845 0519128 Mick Goodman 01905 641482 / 07974 12880 [Michael.goodman2@btinternet.com](mailto:Michael.goodman2@btinternet.com) WCC Vendor number 33637.

**My 2050 Schools Toolkit**-In partnership with Involve, Think Global and Sciencewise-ERC, the Department of Energy and Climate Change has created a classroom toolkit to help teachers engage Key Stage 3 and 4 students in debates about the energy choices we will have to make to reduce carbon emissions by 80% of 1990 levels by 2050. [http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/tackling/2050/2050\\_leaddebat/2050\\_leaddebat.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/tackling/2050/2050_leaddebat/2050_leaddebat.aspx)

## Funding

### Energy Efficiency Spend to Save Fund– update

The Council's 'Energy Efficiency Spend-to-Save Fund' continues to offer interest-free loans to schools, and low-interest loans to Academies, to pay for energy conservation measures. A number of previous applications are progressing or still being evaluated, but the scheme remains open to new applications. **Full details can be found at:**

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/property-services/property-support-maintenance/energy-and-carbon-management/spend-to-save-fund.aspx>  
**For an informal discussion**, please e-mail [energy@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:energy@worcestershire.gov.uk)

### Duckworth Trust Schools' Environment Fund

Schools can apply for up to £750 for environmental projects (Funding rounds in January and July). Funding for small projects (£100) can be applied for throughout the year. For further information go to: [www.dwt.co.uk](http://www.dwt.co.uk) (under resources).