

Training Opportunities

See separate poster insert for full details of training programme or download at:
www.edulink.networcs.net (Teaching & Learning, Education for Sustainable Development)
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability

Training dates:

- **Eco-Schools Training for staff:** 5th and 6th October 2011 and 8th February 2012
- **Eco-Schools Training for pupils:** 2nd November 2011 and 7th February 2012
- **Energy Management Training for staff:** 26th May, 19th October 2011 and 22nd February 2012
- **Energy Management Training for pupils:** 20th October 2011 and 23rd February 2012

For further details contact: Rupert Brakspear 01905 766378 or Amy Lunt 01905 766809

Dates for your diary

District Eco-Schools Champions Meetings

Eco-Schools Coordinators and Champions are invited to attend one of two network meetings. These meetings are an important opportunity to input into our strategy and discuss latest developments in Learning for Sustainability across Worcestershire. To book a place contact Amy Lunt on 01905 766809 alunt@worcestershire.gov.uk



1. **Thursday 9th June: Bishops Wood Centre** 4.00-5.30pm Refreshments from 4.00pm!
2. **Thursday 16th June: Smite Farm, Worcester** 4.00-5.30pm

Worcestershire Eco-Schools Summer Conferences July 2011

For Eco-Committees and Eco-Coordination! Come and celebrate your Eco-Schools work, meet up with other schools, get creative and have fun! Three great hands-on workshops for everyone: arts, sharing, and an outdoors workshop. Plus a special teacher workshop exploring the Eco-Communities pilot Project. Held at Bishops Wood Centre, each day 10.00-2.30pm. Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th July (First & Primary Schools), Thursday 7th (Primary & Middle Schools), Friday 8th (High Schools). **Book places by Friday 10th June 2011.** Contact Amy Lunt 01905 766809 alunt@worcestershire.gov.uk or Rupert Brakspear 01905 766378 rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk

FREE EVENT!



Eco-Communities Conference

Wednesday 25th May 2011, 9.30am – 4.00pm, University of Worcester City Campus

A great opportunity for schools to learn about building on their Eco-Schools work, to include parents and wider community. Price: £60. To request more information or a booking form, please contact stacey.passey@keepbritaintidy.org or call 01905 766737.

Funding & Competitions

Design a logo competition!

The Worcestershire Environmental Business Group are celebrating their new website with a competition for pupils to design a new logo! All we need is for the logo to include the letters 'W E B G' and be on an environmental theme. The prize for the winning entry will be a tour of Morgan Technical Ceramics in Stourport, demonstrating their efforts towards sustainability for a small group of pupils, plus £50 towards a recent or future Eco-Schools project. Please submit entries of A5 or postcard size by **Friday 24th June** to info@webg.org.uk or to Steve Salter, Morgan Technical Ceramics, Bewdley Road, Stourport, Worc DY13 8QR. The competition is open to pupils up to the age of 16. For more information please visit www.webg.org.uk



Climate Cops SOS competition: win an outward bound trip to the Lake District and work with Ben Fogle!

npower is searching for the UK's 100 most passionate 'greenagers' to win a once-in-a-lifetime experience! To enter, a team of 10 Year 7 students needs to send in a film showing the amazing green things you are doing - either in your school or in your local community. You have until **30 June 2011 to enter.** For full details go to: www.npower.com/climatecopssos



Learning for Sustainability Newsletter (from the LfS Forum)

Welcome back and welcome to the summer edition of the LfS newsletter! We hope you had a great Easter break. This is a bumper edition with several inserts: details of our new training programme and SLA, summer Eco-Conferences and a letter to head teachers.

Copies of the newsletter and training programme can be downloaded from **Edulink-Teaching & Learning** pages, under Education for Sustainable Development: www.edulink.networks.net or from our Learning for Sustainability web pages: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability
 Amy, Rupert & John (LfS Team)



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News, Events & Information

Cross Curricular Climate Change Day at Bredon Hill Middle School!

Bredon Hill Middle School, Evesham recently organised and ran a hugely successful whole school cross curricular climate change day. The planning for and delivery on the day was supported by WCC's Learning for Sustainability Team and was launched with a thought-provoking presentation on climate change. Pupils then joined workshop groups led by class teachers that they worked with for the whole day.



Pupils in school hall creating a web of climate change issues

Workshops included:

- Grand Designs- school buildings
- Cars of the Future
- Water Conservation
- Recycled fashion
- Creating motivating posters
- Eco-Schools and Action Team Training (led by LfS team)
- Rap Writing and Filming the whole day

Each workshop group spent time exploring climate change and sustainability issues, using a variety of activities and developing critical thinking skills before moving onto workshop challenges. The day weaved in many opportunities to apply personal learning and thinking skills and ended with the whole school coming back together to share what each group had done.

The engagement and enthusiasm of the pupils was tremendous who greatly enjoyed the activities and demonstrated a great deal of interest in the issues of climate change and sustainability, and in each others experiences.

Tom a pupil at the school said... 'The powerpoint made us all think very hard about what we could do and I am sure that everyone went home that day more Eco friendly...Everyone was split up into groups and sent off to do different activities. Everyone got very creative... I think that day was a huge success and everyone got on really well together and enjoyed it!'

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Green Flag Success!



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

- Eldersfield Lawn CE Primary School
- Hagley Primary School
- Harvington CE First School
- Riversides School
- St Egwins CofE Middle School
- Himbleton CE First School
- Meadows First School
- Nunnery Wood Primary School
- Barnabees Nursery

News, Events & Information

Webheath Apprentice!

Webheath First School, Redditch organised a very successful whole school enterprise challenge. Classes were challenged to design and make an item to be sold at the school Christmas fare; with the idea to make as much profit as possible. Each class were given £10 to spend on materials.

Classes came up with great ideas and worked out that the more recycled materials they could source for the task the more profit they would make. Reception through to year 4 got involved in designing, producing and marketing items such as badges, tree decorations, bird nests, crackers, cakes (baked in food tins), present tags and door plaques!



The children then managed their own stands at the fare, successfully raising just under £500. Many parents came along and also other adults from the local community. The project was a great success in raising awareness of recycling materials as well as being very cross curricular with Maths, Citizenship, Art and Design.

Meadows First School- First Ambassador Eco-School in England!

A huge congratulations goes to Meadows First School, Bromsgrove as the first school in the country to be awarded the new Green Flag Ambassador Eco-Schools Award from Keep Britain Tidy! An Ambassador Eco-School is a flagship of the Eco-Schools programme that has developed an understanding of all nine Eco-Schools themes and ensured sustainability is embedded into the curriculum. Ambassador schools have strived to successfully deliver change in the culture of the school and demonstrate successful pupil and wider community engagement. www.eco-schools.org.uk/apply/



Fundraising at St Nicholas's CE Middle School!

The Green Team at St Nicholas' CE Middle School (Pershore) made an application for funding to the Mary Jane Fund - small environmental project funders based in Pershore (www.themaryjanefund.org.uk). The school were delighted to receive funding for building a new raised bed for fruit and vegetables, for making stools from re-used materials for friendship groups and for large logs for creative play and seating. The Green Team didn't stop there, they then held a successful Christmas Bring and Buy sale and sent some money back to the charity, so other people could carry on benefiting from the fund!



Master Composters poised to help schools!

Several Master Composters volunteers recently enjoyed a session at Bishops Wood with John Rhymer exploring ways of helping schools to Compost; including how to involve and interest children and how teachers can use composting within the curriculum.

Master Composters are members of the public who pass on their knowledge and have advised and helped hundreds of people across Herefordshire & Worcestershire. Two Master Composters have recently been helping Lickey Hills Primary Schools' Gardening Club and were initially tasked with getting the 4 compost bins in the school grounds working again. The Master Composters have left the school with advice on how to continue composting and will be visiting the school in the future to see how they are getting on. The Master Composters Scheme is managed by Worcestershire County Council's Waste management team in conjunction with Herefordshire Council and Garden Organics. If you are interested in discussing how a Master Composter could work with your school please call **Christopher Atkinson 01905 768227** or email cnatkinson@worcestershire.gov.uk



Resources

Practical Action

Innovative STEM resources that focus on a whole range of sustainable issues including renewable energy and climate change. Free resources include lesson plans, activities, posters, challenges, images, videos and games all set within a global context. www.practicalaction.org.uk/schools



Action Aid

Bring the global dimension into your classroom. Our teaching resources, school talks and campaigns help learners explore global issues and engage in active global citizenship. www.actionaid.org.uk/100006/schools.html

Global Education in a Box!

Huge range of resources, ideas and activities for 16 PSE lessons for KS3, with many being adaptable to younger or older students. For further information on how you can hire 'Global Education in a Box' contact Rupert Brakspear 01905 677378



Ellen McArthur Foundation

The Foundation works with education and business to inspire people to re-think, re-design and build a positive future. Check out The Big Idea video www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/

Engaging Places

The leading guide to using buildings and places for learning. Lesson plans, teaching resources about architecture and design, great places to visit or learn about, organisations, events and inspiring features. Whether you're teaching in a classroom or learning with the family – Engaging Places has something for you. For further information: www.engagingplaces.org.uk/teaching+resources/art79828



Climate survey - join in today. March-June 2011

Help OPAL learn more about our climate and how we affect it. The OPAL climate survey is an exciting national experiment that everyone can take part in. You'll help OPAL investigate ways in which we affect the climate and how the climate may affect us. The more people that get involved the more valuable the research will become. For further information: www.opalexplornature.org/climatesurvey



Farming and Countryside Education

FACE is the leading charity providing food, farming and countryside education to children. Their website has a comprehensive set of free resources plus links to many other great related websites and teaching resources. www.face-online.org.uk/resources-all



Awareness days, action days and campaigns

Green Britain Day 18th May 2011

www.jointhepod.org/get-going/green-britain-day-2011/default

World Environment Day 5th June 2011 (Theme: Forests- Nature at Your Service)

www.unep.org/wed/index.asp

CABE Green Day 6th June- 8th July 2011

www.cabe.org.uk/education/green-day

Team Green Britain National Bike Week 18th-26th June

www.bikeweek.org.uk/page.php?id=68

UK Recycle Now Week 20th-26th June 2011

www.recyclenow.com/what_can_i_do_today/recycle_week_2011.html

