

Learning for Sustainability Newsletter *(from the LfS Forum)*

STOP PRESS!! PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR INFORMATION PACK REGARDING OUR WIN:WIN ENERGY SAVING AWARD SCHEME (£££!) ~ WITH SWITCH IT OFF WEEK BEING THE LAUNCH! (20th October 2008)

Faye Walters, Asst ESD Officer



September 2008



Eco Schools



Eco Schools District Eco Schools Meetings—Autumn Term 2008

There will be five Eco Schools meetings this term across the County, with the focus being the **Global Dimension**. Come along and join us! **Please email me at fwalters@worcestershire.gov.uk or call 01905 766809 if you would like to attend.**

Monday 13 October	3.45pm - 5.30pm	Holyoakes Field First School, Redditch B97 6HH
Tuesday 14 October	3.45pm - 5.30pm	Hagley Primary School, Hagley DY9 0NS
Thursday 16 October	3.45pm - 5.30pm	Lyppard Grange Primary School, Worcester WR4 0DZ
Monday 20 October	3.45pm - 5.30pm	Overbury First School, Overbury GL20 7NT
Thursday 23 October	3.45pm - 5.30pm	Tenbury High School, Tenbury Wells WR15 8XA

Stop the Rot! ~ One Planet Worcester's scheme to stop locally-grown fruit going to waste

One Planet Worcester is a coalition of local environmental groups who want to act on the big issues that affect us. One of our main bugbears is the unnecessary distance that much of the food we eat travels from farm to fork.

Last year, when you looked out of the bus window, en route to your local supermarket, you may have seen fruit rotting on the ground. Neglected. Even more likely, when at your destination, you'd probably have noticed the Spanish plums and New Zealand Apples dropping into small plastic bags before being taken to the checkout. This year we'd like things to be a bit different. Historically, Worcestershire was a fruit-growing county – at one time a net exporter of fruit. Now in 2008, around 85% of our orchards have gone. But we still do have a fair portion of fruit just waiting to be picked. **One Planet Worcester** is launching a scheme called "Stop the Rot". Our role in this will be to join together those who want to pick and collect fruit with those who can do something with it. So many of us could get involved – schools, youth/scout groups, church groups could provide pickers and fruit collection points. Worcestershire County Council has mobile apple pressing equipment, which can be used to rapidly turn a glut of apples into juice. We'd like to help you bake it, preserve it and distribute it. If you'd like play a part in our little

revolution, please email

OnePlanetWorcester.org.uk, or phone **01905 421492 (evenings)**.

*Rod Howell,
Chair - One Planet Worcester Steering Committee*

New Sustainable Schools resources

New resources are available to help schools plan, evaluate and visualise their work on sustainable development, and link it to national schemes and awards. The resources are: *Planning a Sustainable School - Driving school improvement through sustainable development*; *How national recognition schemes can support your school's progress*; *Sustainable Schools Self-Evaluation tool (s3)*; and the revised *Sustainable Schools National Framework poster*. These resources are all available from www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools link - 'support' then 'core materials'

GREEN FLAG SUCCESS!

Congratulations

to the following school who has recently achieved a Green Flag for their Eco Schools work!

- Hagley Primary School
- Clifton-Upon-Teme Primary School (3rd Flag)
- Westlands First School



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Dates for your Autumn Term diary...

Training through the ESD team

Wed 24 September - Introduction to Sustainable Schools ~ What is new and different 18 months on?

For Head teachers & Senior Management

9 - 4pm

£50

Key note presentation from Professor Bill Scott, a national authority on ESD, presentations and chances to discuss the links to Sustainable Schools with staff from Extended Services, Healthy Schools, School Travel Planning, District Waste Officers, Forest Schools Coordinators, Outdoor and environmental learning providers, School Linking Officer and the Participation and Engagement team, and planning sessions.

Wed 8 October - Less is More - Curriculum Development Project Introductory day

For Subject Coordinators, Eco Schools Coordinators & Senior Management

Does being richer materially necessarily make us happier?

9 - 4pm

£50

Do we need to BE CREATIVE and RETHINK: can we make more from less?

What about oil and gas, food and water?

What about climate change and our impact on other living things?

What about poverty? For millions of people ~ more must mean more!

What do children and young people want to say and do about all this?

What is our role in schools and specifically in the curriculum.. in Design and Technology, PSHE, Arts, Science, Geography, Enterprise, Citizenship? How does all of this tie in with Sustainable Schools and Eco Schools?

Keynote presentations from the New Economics Foundation (www.neweconomics.org), Practical Action (www.itdg.org) and a Teacher's perspective after a visit to one of India's poorest but happiest states ~ Kerala.

Workshop input from Practical Action (formerly ITDG; County Advisors / local specialists covering D&T, PSHE, Arts, Geography, Primary Curriculum; ESD Team; Waste Officers

Planning ~ Sharing and working together on new ideas; thinking / planning across subjects; lots of support!

Week beginning 20th October ~ Switch It Off week (see front page!)

Wed 15 October - Starting & Continuing Eco Schools (INSET)

For Eco Schools Coordinators & Senior Management

Ref: 2LTW004/01

9 - 4pm

£110

The purpose of the day is to introduce the international **Eco-Schools Award Scheme** and explore its potential for embedding *learning for sustainability* through the life of the school across curriculum, campus and community. There is particular emphasis on inclusion and participation of all school stakeholders, but with emphasis on children and young people who are at the heart of the scheme.

The day will:

- include an element of formal training
- be highly participatory ~ making use of outdoor learning and practical workshops

There will be opportunities to share ideas and skills and build a deeper understanding of key processes and concepts behind this valuable scheme.

For further details for Starting and Continuing Eco Schools and to book a place, please contact the INSET office on 01905 740122.

Wed 3 December - Less is More Curriculum Development Project ~ twilight meeting

(plus a further twilight meeting on Wed 28 January)

Free

All of the above opportunities will take place at the Bishops Wood Centre. If you would like to book in for any of the above events (except Starting Eco Schools INSET), please contact Rupert Brakspear on 01905 766378 or at rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk.

Training through Bishops Wood

Tues 21 October - Starting to Improve School Grounds

Ref: 2LT021/01

1 - 4pm

£60

(repeated 17th March 2009, 1pm to 4pm)

To prepare participants to lead their schools through the first stages of developing their grounds including how to get everyone on board, survey all elements of the school site, consult with the whole school community, establish the schools needs and to draw up a vision plan. Participants will also be invited to the county school grounds development group to discuss progress and share ideas. This group will meet termly.

Tutors: John Rhymer and Stacy Dooley

For availability, contact the INSET Office on 01905 740125. To book, please submit INSET1 form to INSET office.

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Tues 11 November - Improving Outdoor Provision for Foundation Stage

Ref: 2LTW002/01

9 - 4pm

£130

- To explore how you can provide opportunities outdoors for imaginative
- To examine simple, inexpensive, yet effective ways of transforming stark areas of tarmac and fencing into colourful and enriched learning resources
- To examine case studies of Nursery and Reception outdoor classrooms
- To plan activities which take the curriculum outside
- To discuss the needs of the early years child: planning, resourcing & implementing changes
- Safety and supervision issues
- To identify sources of funding and support for projects

Tutors: John Rhymer & Ann Clay

For availability, contact the INSET Office on 01905 740125. To book, please submit INSET1 form to INSET office.

School fund raising workshop - Tues 7 Oct, 10-12 noon & Wed 5 Nov, 1-2.30pm

Location: Lickey, near Bromsgrove

Cost: £25, including a copy of CD Raising Funds for School Grounds

Topics covered will include:

Registering as a charity; Searching for grants—where to look; Gift Aid; Duckworth Trust; Lottery Grants; Charitable Trusts; Information on any forthcoming new grants and awards; An opportunity for delegates to share experiences

For more details, visit www.monument-books.co.uk, email janeyhewitt@btinternet.com or ring **0121 453 2310**.

Latest News from Tetra Pak Carton Recycling

Cartons are widely recyclable across most parts of the UK. We and the carton industry have invested substantial amounts of time and money in to ensuring that most consumers in the UK can now recycle their cartons. Until now, the infrastructure which we have built has only been available to Local Authorities and community groups for household recycling. But that has all changed! Your local council is responsible for collecting your school's waste. However, we have developed a solution to help schools and their councils to set up carton recycling. And now schools can recycle cartons too! To create this service, we have worked closely with our contractors to develop a simple system that allows schools to link directly in to a local contractor to recycle your cartons across many parts of the UK. We are partly subsidising this project, but unfortunately we cannot provide you with a cost neutral service.

There are two phases to this project:

- 1) For those of you who can't wait to recycle your cartons - you can use our website (www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk) to find the contact details of your local collection contractor to set up a collection with them directly. They will advise you on costs, containers and collection frequency. This is not currently available for the whole of the UK.
- 2) For those of you who need a bit more help - we will be working up a comprehensive solution that investigates, and addresses many of the barriers faced when recycling cartons in schools (time, logistics etc.). This will make it easier for you (or your council) to implement carton recycling in your school. When this second phase is complete, the website will tell you where you can get cost information.

How do I use Phase 1? The new schools page is not live yet, however, you can still set up a collection. You need to click on the 'business' tab on our website www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk and follow all the instructions to set up your collection. Any questions you have should be answered by the business FAQs (also a tab at the top of the page). The system is the same whether you are a school or a business.

We will also store the information you provided in the email you just sent us. When Phase 2 is ready, we will send you an email to let you know. You might find it helps you improve on how the scheme is working in your school. If you don't want us to email you about Phase 2, please reply to this email asking us to take you off our database.

How do I get involved with Phase 2? We already have your contact details. We will store your information on our database and we will contact you to let you know when phase two is ready. If you have any questions about how Phase 1 works, please check the Business FAQs before you contact the contractor with your question.

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Forthcoming events & training continued...

Local Food ~ Food-Related, Community Project Grants

Local Food, a new and exciting grants programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund, is now available for food-related community projects across England. The £50 million programme aimed at making locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities has been developed by a consortium of organisations, and is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trust (RSWT).

Grants from £2,000 up to £500,000 will be awarded to not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities. To find out more please call the **Changing Spaces Advice Line** on **0845 3 671 671** or visit www.localfoodgrants.org/.



The Ashden Awards
for sustainable energy

Schools with Energy Sought for Global
Green Awards Scheme

Applications must be received by 2 December 2008

The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking inspirational and innovative local sustainable energy projects being run in UK schools. Entry is free, and the Awards will be presented at a VIP ceremony in London in June 2009. Applications forms are online at www.ashdenawards.org/uk_awards. This competition is open to any UK school providing education for pupils aged between 5 and 16 which has developed both an ethos and practice of sustainability, in which the responsible use of energy is a key component. We're looking for schools that can demonstrate they've made actual energy savings, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and possibly generated renewable energy.

The Schools Award carries a first prize of £15,000 and two second prizes of £7,500.

What does it take to be a winner?

Among the key criteria for a school to win an Award are the following:

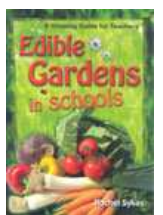
- Sustainable energy needs to have been a key part of the practice and culture of the school for at least one year.
- The sustainable energy work includes behavioural changes that save energy, curriculum developments and technical measures.
- There are demonstrated benefits to the environment.
- The sustainable energy work of the school is innovative, inspirational and replicable.

The school must have both the capacity and the commitment to make sustainable energy more widespread by working in partnership with others (such as the local community, local education authorities, non-governmental organisations, energy supply companies) on sustainable energy. (Source: Ashden Awards website)

“Edible Gardens in Schools” by Rachel Sykes

For any school wanting to engage pupils in gardening and growing food this book will prove invaluable. It comes with a CD of worksheets which provide activities for all three terms of the school year. Topics range from plant lifecycles to food miles and from healthy eating to composting. Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice this book is highly recommended. Southgate Publishers ISBN 978-1-85741-106-5

Review by John Rhymer



Bromsgrove's Summer Postcard Competition Winner

Young Eleanor Wedgwood scooped first Prize in the Bromsgrove District Council Postcard competition to encourage Recycling! The talented green keen 8 year old from Fairfield First School created a postcard design that was chosen out of 331 entries from primary and first schools. Her eye catching message is to reduce reuse and recycle, to make Bromsgrove a better place!



Eleanor won her school £100 to spend on an environmental based project. Runners-up Christian Martin aged 11 from Clent Parochial Primary School and Will Samuel aged 8 from Hanbury First School together with Eleanor won themselves a recycled stationery pack of goodies!

Later in the year where Bromsgrove Schools will be invited to take part in the ever popular recycled Christmas Tree competition. This is a fun and interactive way to learn about reducing, reusing and recycling, so why not give it a go? .

Contact me - Waste Policy and Promotion Officer, Bromsgrove District Council for more information on 01527 881716 or email r.kennett@bromsgrove.gov.uk

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