

# Training Opportunities

Introduction to Eco-Schools	5th Oct '11	9.00-4.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Going for the Green Flag	6th Oct '11	9.00-4.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Getting Started to Green Flag	8th Feb '12	9.00-4.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Eco-Committee /Action Training <b>(now full)</b>	2nd Nov '11	10.00-2.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Eco-Committee /Action Training	7th Feb '12	10.00-2.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Energy Management Training (Primary staff)	19th Oct '11	9.00-1.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Energy Management Training (Primary pupils)	20th Oct '11	10.00-2.00pm, Powick Primary School
Energy Management Training (Secondary staff)	22nd Feb '12	9.00-1.00pm, Bishops Wood Centre
Energy Management Training (Primary pupils)	23rd Feb '12	10.00-2.00pm, Hagley Primary School
Governor Training	17th Nov '11	7.00-9.00pm, Pitmaston House

All courses above are FREE to schools signed up to the Property Services Schools' Service Level Agreement

**Leading For Sustainability** – a new 3 part course, starting Nov '11, in partnership with TIDE & Bishops Wood

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). For booking and for further information:

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## Bishops Wood Training– 'Courses for Positive Environmental Change' 2011-2012

Wonderful range of courses, for further details and information visit: [www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk)  
 Telephone: 01299 250513 E-mail: [bishopswoodcourses@worcesteshire.gov.uk](mailto:bishopswoodcourses@worcesteshire.gov.uk)



# Dates for your diary

## District Eco-Schools Meetings- Transport & Travel theme!

Six District Eco-Schools meetings have been arranged for this term. The meetings are a great opportunity for schools to network, share best practice, enjoy a 'tour' from the host school and catch up with latest developments in Learning for Sustainability! The theme for this term is transport. All meetings start at **3.45pm** (with refreshments!) and will end by **5.30pm**. Please **book a place** at any of the dates below by contacting Amy Lunt: 01905 766809 [alunt@worcesteshire.gov.uk](mailto:alunt@worcesteshire.gov.uk)



1. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October: The Chantry High School, Martley
2. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Harvington CE First School, Evesham
3. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Nunnery Wood Primary School, Worcester
4. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Finstall First School, Bromsgrove
5. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Burlish Park Primary School, Stourport
6. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Castlemorton CE Primary School, Malvern

# Funding & Competitions (see Switch-If-Off! Competition on P3 too!)

## Money for Trees! Big Tree Plant Funding

Money is still available for trees! Planting new areas of woodland and orchard are both eligible. There needs to be community involvement in planting and looking after the site. Full details can be found at <http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/index.html>.  
 Worcestershire County Councils Biodiversity Action Plan Manager- Becky Lashley can be contacted for support: [RLashley@worcesteshire.gov.uk](mailto:RLashley@worcesteshire.gov.uk) 01905 766852



**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).

# Learning for Sustainability Newsletter (from the LfS Forum)

## September 2011

Welcome back and welcome to the Autumn edition of the LfS newsletter! We hope you had a lovely summer break.

To take part in Switch-It-Off this term, look out for details of **FREE POD Campaign Packs** on p3. We have an exciting and busy term of **training courses** planned– if you haven't seen what's available or booked anything yet, details are listed again on the back of this newsletter. Full details can be downloaded from **Edulink-Teaching & Learning** pages, under Education for Sustainable Development: [www.edulink.networcs.net](http://www.edulink.networcs.net). Details of the Bishops Wood Training programme can be found at: [www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk) **Amy, Rupert & John** (LfS Team)



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# News, Events & Information

## Worcestershire Eco-Schools Conferences: linking sustainability & time!

Over 280 children, young people and staff greatly enjoyed this years Worcestershire Eco-Schools conferences, ran by the Learning for Sustainability Team at Bishops Wood Centre. Participants took part in three great workshops this year; a fantastic Earth Walk (led by Bishops Wood staff) a Sharing workshop and a creative Timecapsule workshop. A specific teacher workshop was also held to explore extending Eco-Schools work.



Feckenham First School, making their time capsule

The scene was set for the timecapsule workshop by inviting children to explore a 'timecapsule' from 200 years ago- this included objects, poetry and messages from a time when people were very excited about innovations and hopeful about changing the world for the better. During the workshop children worked in small teams to create their own timecapsules, and were challenged to think and discuss about what objects, pictures, messages about the world, new inventions and innovations would go inside their capsules in 2011.



Fantastic time capsules!

The team received some great feedback about the conferences; 'For me this has been the best conference ever'... 'lots of ideas given throughout the day'...'really useful'... 'great to have teacher workshop'...'loved the earthwalks...' 'great to meet and share'... 'very enjoyable'. The eco-committee from **Defford-cum-Besford CE First School** enjoyed it so much they went back to school and ran their own Earthwalks and gave a presentation to the whole school about the timecapsule workshop!

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ESD Coordinator	
Site Manager	

## Green Flag Success!

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



- Abberley Parochial Primary School
- Beoley First School
- Birchensale Middle School
- Broadheath CE Primary School
- Holywell Primary and Nursery School
- Matchborough First School
- Northleigh CE Primary School
- Nunnery Wood High School
- Oldbury Park Primary School
- Pebworth First School
- Pitmaston Primary School
- Red Hill CE Primary School
- St Andrew's CE First School, Evesham
- Tenbury High School
- The Chantry High School
- The Coppice Primary School

## News, Events & Information

### Eco-Communities Pilot Project Goes National!

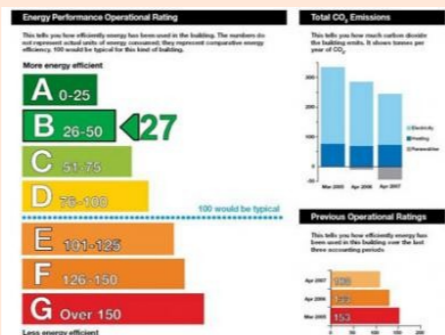
The national project Eco-Communities (ran in partnership between Worcestershire County Council's Learning for Sustainability Team and Keep Britain Tidy) has come to the end of its 18month pilot phase in July 2011. Due to the fantastic success of the pilot KBT are now rolling out Eco-Communities nationally; supporting Eco-Centres/Awards and making available materials for Eco-Schools and Centres to try out Eco-Homes; extending their engagement and work to parents and the wider community. **For a full report on the pilot project**, with case studies from the communities and schools that took part please go to: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability) Materials for Eco-Homes will appear (in the near future) at [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk) For further information contact Stacy Passey: 01905 766737 [spassey@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:spassey@worcestershire.gov.uk)



### Nunnery Wood Primary School – Scores Best Energy Rating!

Nunnery Wood Primary School, Worcester are thrilled to be the first school in Worcestershire to receive a B Rating for a Display Energy Certificate (DEC)!

The school has been working on energy reduction for quite some time but has more recently taken energy as a whole school focus, with the Head Teacher, Sue Mason leading the way; communicating clear messages to the whole school. The school has an active Eco-Committee, with children taking the lead on switch it off activities, acting as energy monitors, colour coding switches, designing posters etc. The school also has adult Eco-Action Team involving other staff, governors and a very supportive care taker/site manager. The school has built the theme of energy into their curriculum and recently held a whole school Great Green World Week- that gave learners the opportunity to explore global issues and the why energy saving is important. The fantastic reduction in energy use has been down to behavioural and educational initiatives alone!



Example DEC

### Primary Schools links up with local construction company!

Pupils from Burlish Park Primary school Stourport, along with other schools in the area, have worked with Thomas Vale Construction Company and Wyre Forest District Council by helping to decorate the site hoardings at the District Council New Head Quarters. The District Council set 3 themes for the children to base their artwork on: Going Green, Moving Forward and A Bright Future. Eco-Schools Coordinator Lynda Williams said "Our year three topic this term has been Natures' Fury and the class has had an exciting few weeks studying volcanoes, the effect of water shortages in the world, as well as the impact flooding could have on us in the future. They chose and designed the title 'Stop River Pollution' as part of the Going Green Category. It is great that they want to get the message of river pollution over to the local community."



Burlish Park Primary School

### School Garden Project Proves Popular

Organisers of the Malvern Spring Gardening Show (10-13<sup>th</sup> May 2012) are delighted that 12 schools in the local area have already expressed interest in next year's School Garden Project. The successful schools, selected by Show organiser, the Three Counties Agricultural Society (TCAS), will have to design, plan and build their own 24sqm garden for the Show in May. This year's theme is 'Sustainability for All' with each school having the support of TCAS staff, Worcestershire County Councils Learning for Sustainability Officers Rupert Brakspear and Amy Lunt, and Richard Fishbourne of Bugs and Besties. **For more information** on the project please contact Sue Hodgson Jones on 01684 584900 or by e-mail: [sue@threecounties.co.uk](mailto:sue@threecounties.co.uk)



Parkside Middle School

## Resources & campaigns

### Get ready for Switch it Off 2011! This years challenge- 'Make it visible!'

Our yearly opportunity to bring a whole school focus to energy saving over **21st November– 2nd December**. We continue to work with the POD as they take Switch it Off forward nationally. Some of the great practice from the county's schools has helped to inform the PODs activities, such as the Big Bar Chart idea. The POD have reserved **200 free packs** for Worcestershire Schools. **Register with the POD by the end of September** [www.jointhepod.org](http://www.jointhepod.org) for your free pack, which contains colourful posters, audit sheets (for undercover work), stickers and lots of ideas for other activities! Our resources are still available at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/switchitoff](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/switchitoff).



To help with Switch It Off monitoring...don't forget– most Primary Schools will have been fitted with AMR (**Automated Meter Reading**)- a fantastic way to get half-hourly, daily, weekly, monthly data and create useful charts and reports for the whole school etc. Login details are being sent to schools shortly, talk to your head teacher about this and check out the Energy Management/AMR training we are offering (see back page). For further queries contact [apeasant@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:apeasant@worcestershire.gov.uk)



### Make It Visible!

We are inviting Worcestershire schools this year to 'Make it Visible!' by running a film competition. Get creative and make a short (approx. 3 min) film of your Switch it Off activities! The schools who send in the best film entries will be invited to a gala in February 2012, along with Green Flag Eco-Schools to celebrate the fantastic work happening across the county. Send your **films in by the end of term (20th December)** to: Amy Lunt, Learning for Sustainability, PEP, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP. We'll look forward to receiving them!



**Water Butts for schools!** Butts now available from Worcestershire County Councils Composting website. Prices start from £29.45 and there is a buy one get one half price option [www.hw.getcomposting.com/Shop/Water\\_Butts.html](http://www.hw.getcomposting.com/Shop/Water_Butts.html) . Severn Trent and garden centres also sell butts.

**ARKive teaching resources** ARKive, is a project that is building an online educational resource for the world's species. Some great new teaching resources are now available, such as Dinner at the Reef, aimed at 7-11 year olds, Biodiversity Hospital, aimed at 11-14 year olds, Design a Conservation Programme, aimed at 14-16 year old and much more! All resources are free to download from: [www.arkive.org/education/resources](http://www.arkive.org/education/resources).



**Free A1 Poster from Practical Action!** This colourful A1 poster which gives pupils 90 ideas of small things they can do to make a difference to their global community and environment, with space for them to add 90 ideas of their own. Divided into the 6R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Refuse, Rethink) it can be used as a great teaching resource as well as a poster. Suitable for KS2,3,4,5. [www.practicalaction.org/100-small-things-to-make-a-difference-poster](http://www.practicalaction.org/100-small-things-to-make-a-difference-poster) To order your **FREE** copy please email [schools@practicalaction.org.uk](mailto:schools@practicalaction.org.uk)



### Awareness days, action days and campaigns

<b>World Car Free Day</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<a href="http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd">www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd</a>
<b>British Food Fortnight</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> September>	<a href="http://www.lovebritishfood.co.uk">www.lovebritishfood.co.uk</a>
<b>World Animal Day</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk">www.worldanimalday.org.uk</a>
<b>Apple Day</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> October	<a href="http://www.commonground.org.uk">www.commonground.org.uk</a>
<b>One World Week</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="http://www.oneworldweek.org">www.oneworldweek.org</a>
<b>Walk to School Month</b>	October	<a href="http://www.walktoschool.org.uk">www.walktoschool.org.uk</a>
<b>Switch-Off Fortnight</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> November>	<a href="http://www.jointhepod.org">www.jointhepod.org</a>
<b>Buy Nothing Day</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> November	<a href="http://www.buynothingday.co.uk">www.buynothingday.co.uk</a>

### The Global Dimension website

is a fantastic guide to books, films, posters and web resources which support global, intercultural and environmental understanding for all age groups and subjects. From climate change to poverty, water to fair trade, you can find a huge range of teaching resources and background material. [www.globaldimension.org.uk](http://www.globaldimension.org.uk)

