

Eco-Schools

Eco Schools Best Practice Meetings

First Best Practice meetings held

The first two Sustainable School / Eco School Best Practice meetings were held in June and covered North Warwickshire and Rugby areas. The meeting proved quite a success especially for schools just beginning their eco school journeys. Thank you to St Benedicts Catholic Primary, North Warwickshire and Henry Hinde Infants, Rugby for hosting these meeting and sharing a wealth of knowledge and ideas.



Photo showing tour of St Benedicts Catholic Primary's vegetable area

Contacts and Information

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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ecoschools

Shout Out

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, please let us know. They will be posted in the next newsletter

Becoming An Eco School

Eco schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey. Schools work towards gaining one of three awards, Bronze, Silver and the Green Flag award.

Getting started is easy just follow the simple steps below

- 1) **Set up your action team, which can be the School Council** — Include pupils and a member of staff
- 2) **Carry out an environmental review** — Downloadable tick box template: www.eco-schools.org.uk
- 3) **Write an action plan using the results of your review** — downloadable template: www.eco-schools.org.uk
- 4) **Students design an eco code** — Can be a poem or short verse stating the main objective of your action plan
- 5) **Involve the whole school community in environmental projects** — Communication is key, get as many people involved as possible

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Seven Trent Be Smart Award

The Be Smart Award scheme is designed to promote greater understanding of the vital role that water plays in our lives today. The scheme is split into four areas.

Schools carry out water audit

This requires pupils to identify where, when, why and how much water is used in school.

Promote water conservation

The pupils should identify ways to save water in and around the school and implement these ideas.

Promote the health benefits of drinking water

Pupils will understand the reasons for drinking water and design a campaign to persuade other to do the same.

Understand water issues locally and globally

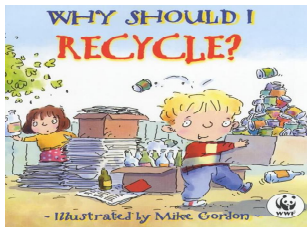
Pupils compare what it is like to live in a country where safe water and sanitation are not available.

Severn Trent Water Education team will support schools throughout the scheme and have developed resources specifically to help schools to meet these four aims. There is a large amount of suitable material already available. A list of some useful resources can be found on the Seven Trent Resources page.

<http://www.stwater.co.uk/server.php?show=nav.5985>

Free Recycling Resources for Schools!

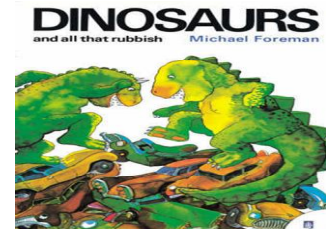
Warwickshire County Councils Waste Minimisation team are pleased to be able to offer schools a loan service of literacy resources. The books will help enable teachers to develop pupils understanding of waste issues.



Might Be Useful (Key Stage 1)
Books x 5, teachers resource CD and a box of recycled musical instruments

Why Should I Recycle? (Key Stage 2)
Set of 35 Books

Scrapman (Key Stage 2)
1 Large Book, set of 35 books and teachers resource CD



Should you wish to book any of the resources' or for more information please contact emilymartin@warwickshire.gov.uk

British Potato Council

The grow your own potato scheme allows primary school children to see and understand how potatoes are grown, where food comes from and how potatoes feature in a healthy balanced diet. Its free to take part and participants will receive a growing kit including seed potatoes, extensive classroom resources and a £5 voucher to buy compost and container. To register go to the British Potato Council website.

<http://www.potatoesforschools.org.uk/>

B&Q Better Neighbour Grant Scheme

B&Q stores wont to form partnerships within the local community. Through their Better Neighbourhood Grant Scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project.

The B&Q Grant Scheme provides £50 - £500 of funding in the way of materials. Stores have a limited annual funding and all applications must meet the criteria of the Better Neighbour Grant. For more information go to

www.diy.com/socialresponsability