

# Green Schools Newsletter Mini Edition

May 2016

The observant of you will have noticed there was no newsletter last term and this newsletter is much reduced. Unfortunately this has been due to staff illness. We should be back to normal next term. So in the mean time this edition focuses on what PECT is providing this term. As ever if you are looking for information or resources on other themes please do get in touch and we can point you in the right direction. Hope everyone has a fantastic summer term and I look forward to catching up with you at the planned Twilights or PEEA 2016.

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## Summer Term Twilights

### Forest Schools/ Outdoor Education Teach Meet Twilight

Monday 23rd May 2016, Hampton Hargate Primary School, 4-5pm, Refreshments Provided

This twilight is for anyone who currently runs Forest Schools sessions, is planning to or just has a general interest in education outside the classroom. It will be in the style of a teach meet, so instead of me talking lots we'd like to invite you to share ideas and activities that you do in school. Each person will have about 5-7 mins to share, so we're not looking for long detailed presentations, just a quick flavour of what you have going on. You are also welcome to just come along and listen.

To book your place, please use this link.

Forest Schools Teach Meet Twilight booking link: <http://doodle.com/poll/9qpwi96u43g3cu3m>

The event is free but it's really important that we know how many people are coming as we're going to using Hampton Hargate outdoor classroom, so we'll need to keep an eye out for you to let you in.

### Travel Twilight

The Travel Twilights planned for this half term have been postponed to next half term, new dates will be circulated shortly



**Peterborough Eco  
Education Awards**

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**10am – 2.30pm**  
**Voyager Academy**

- Bring along your Eco Team and a display showing the project they have been working on this year (or indeed projects you have planned).
- Celebrate your Eco achievements big and small
- Meet other Eco Teams and share ideas.
- Take part in lots of fun Eco Activities.
- Meet local environmental organisations and find out what they can do for your school.
- Lots and lots of Eco Friendly fun for all Peterborough Schools

For more information and to register a place for your school email:  
**[schools@pect.org.uk](mailto:schools@pect.org.uk)** and put PEEA in the subject line. If you haven't been  
before and want a feel for previous years then go to [www.pect.org.uk/schools](http://www.pect.org.uk/schools)  
and you will find the special edition of the newsletter there.



A few pictures from PEEA 2015



## The Peterborough Eco Framework

The Peterborough Eco Framework is a bespoke framework for Peterborough schools which links to local resources supports schools towards becoming sustainable schools.



A range of documents are available to support schools in using the framework including a checklist, objectives, curriculum links and lists of local providers. The program of Eco Coordinator twilights are run throughout the year to provide additional support

The framework is also an accreditation scheme and, following teacher consultation, each theme will be assessed individually allowing schools to celebrate pupil's successes.

Schools are invited to apply for accreditation in either one or two themes during the summer term. If you would like to apply for an award please email [schools@pect.org.uk](mailto:schools@pect.org.uk) for more details and put AWARD in the subject line. The process is very straightforward with a short form.

For more information about the Framework contact Jill Foster, [schools@pect.org.uk](mailto:schools@pect.org.uk)



### A Flag for Peterborough Schools

Pupils across Peterborough contributed to the design of the Peterborough Eco Framework Flag; the first school to gain 5 awards and meet the criteria for a flag will shortly be raising the flag for the first time. We want to see these flags flying across the city. Please contact us for more details.

## Travel Resources

PECT have been doing some work for Sustrans this term to develop some small sets of resources in a range of curriculum areas, they all have some link to travel or transport and link to curriculum areas. For some there are bags or boxes of resources to borrow, for others examples of how to make sure of apps and online resources. All the activity sheets will be available to download via the PECT website after the half term. We are really keen for people to try then out and give us feedback. I've put a sample of what we have below if you are interested then please get in touch. [jill.foster@pect.org.uk](mailto:jill.foster@pect.org.uk)

### Literacy

Story sacks



Story cubes



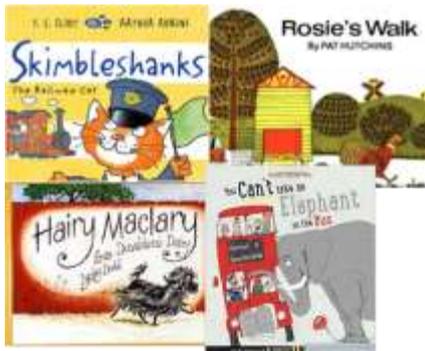
Suggested story maker apps on ipad



Collection of transport related poems in different genres

### Numeracy

Maths bags



Using Skitch and Photobox



### History

Set of photo cards for shops and shopping in Peterborough through time  
Sets of photo cards looking at transport in WWI both on the front and at home.

### Computing

Projects on Scratch  
User: pectgreenninja



Projects on Hopscotch (ipad app)  
User: pectgreen ninja



### Science

Sets of photo cards and information on famous scientists who have invented useful and new materials.  
Example quiz cards and examples for using circuits to make quiz cards

Sound meter and bike bells for investigating how sound travels



Go Gear kits to investigate how gears allow smaller forces to have greater effect



A full list of all the resources available to loan is available; items will be loaned on a half termly basis and either we'll post out or they can be collected from the PECT office. You'll be able to see the assorted items at the Travel Twilights next term, but if some items take your fancy then please email me now with your bookings.  
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As part of the work with Sustrans this year, PECT are providing support to five Peterborough Schools who are taking part in Big Shift. Three have already signed up and will be taking up the challenge to encourage their whole school community to travel more actively.

The challenge sets targets based on how pupils currently travel to school and the school can make a Small Step, Big Stride or Giant leap. The school chose 5 days over a half term when either the whole school or a specific cohort will be encouraged to make a change. This could be to walk, scooter or cycle to school. If it's not possible to walk the whole way, the option is there to park and stride. This challenge is about lots of small behaviour changes which will have a big impact overall.

If you are interested in taking part and making use of the support available then please contact Jill Foster at PECT. [jill.foster@pect.org.uk](mailto:jill.foster@pect.org.uk)

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There are boards for each of the Framework themes and more. If you are also an avid pinner then please follow us so we can repin the ideas you have collected.



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