

Green Schools Newsletter

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Celebrating Peterborough's Successes

Congratulations to Hampton Hargate Primary and Caverstede Early Years Centre who both gained their 2nd Green Flag since the last newsletter.

Summer Term Twilight

Date: Thursday 23rd April

Time: 4-5pm

Venue: Discovery Den, Ferry Meadows

Refreshments provided. The Event is free but please email to confirm attendance.
schools@pect.org.uk

A Market Place style twilight for the summer term, around 12 different local Eco Education providers will be there with information about the resources they provide

The idea is that you come along and have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and go round their stands quizzing them all. This is a brilliant opportunity to see just about everything on offer all in one go and even if you aren't looking to work on a specific theme this year you can get ideas for the future. For those organisations who can't attend leaflets will be available.

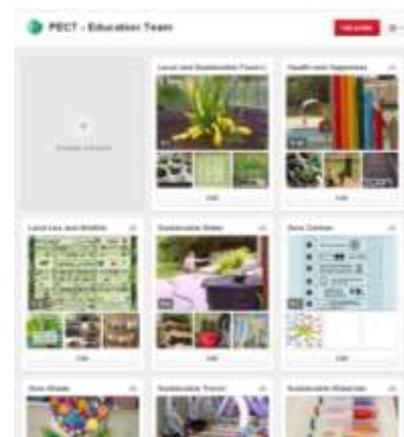
The event will start at 4pm but don't worry if you can't get there for 4pm its fine to come along a bit later but we will be packing up at 5pm.



Find us on pinterest

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.

www.pinterest.com/pecteducationte/



The Peterborough Eco Framework

The Peterborough Eco Framework is a bespoke framework for Peterborough schools. The framework links to the Environment Capital Action plan and allows schools to show both their progress towards becoming Sustainable Schools and their contribution towards creating the UK's Environment Capital.



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 will be used 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. During the summer term 2015, pupils will be invited to contribute to the design of the Peterborough Framework Flag which schools can earn when they have been assessed for 5 or more themes. More details about the competition below.

Schools are invited to apply for accreditation in either one or two themes during the summer term. If you would like your school to be one of the first to receive their certificates then please email schools@pect.org.uk for more details and put AWARD in the subject line.

For more information about the Framework contact Jill Foster, schools@pect.org.uk

A Flag for Peterborough Schools

As part of the new Peterborough Eco Framework schools can gain accreditation in each of the 10 Environment Capital themes. Certificates will be awarded for each theme, and when a school has been accredited in 5 themes they will have the opportunity to fly a Peterborough Eco Framework flag. We would like the pupils of Peterborough to play a significant part in the creation of this flag, and would like to invite your pupils to enter a competition to create a design. The plan is to choose a few designs and a professional designer will then interpret these to create a design that is suitable for a flag – preserving the feel of the originals.

We would like pupils to be involved in selecting the designs for the flag as well as contributing designs. To this end we are looking for some Eco Teams to help us to select which designs should be on the shortlist for the final design.

For full details of the competition, the rules and entry form please email schools@pect.org.uk and put FLAG in the subject line.



**Peterborough Eco
Education Awards**

The 6th Annual Awards

Monday 29th June 2015,
10am – 2.30pm
City of Peterborough Academy

- Bring along your Eco Team and a display showing the project they have been working on this term. 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 and put PEEA in the subject line

Green Festival 2015



Come along to the 2015 PECT Green Festival! We have a wide variety of exciting activities happening that celebrate our local and global

environment by raising awareness and enabling people to take positive actions to support one planet living.

Some of the many FREE activities for pupils and their families include:

- Learning about waste reduction and recycling
- Using nature as inspiration for art
- Arts and crafts using recycled materials
- Hands on projects for creating wildlife spaces
- Sustainable transport activities
- Discovering local, seasonal food
- Cycle-powered sound system
- Wacky Photobooth
- Children's Playbus
- And much more!

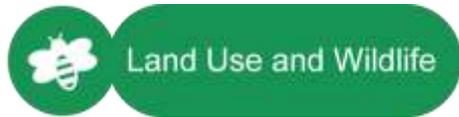
There will also be live music and performances by local bands and dance troupes, prize giveaways, and loads to make and take away! And if the launch isn't enough for you, we have full week of fun activities planned with local providers in the city – from farm walks in Newborough to a cycle-cinema event in Hampton (and much more in between).

The Green Festival activities, including the launch day, are registered Children's University destinations, so please encourage your pupils to come along and take part in a wide variety of fun, eco-activities to get their CU passport stamped.

Launch Day 23rd May in Cathedral & St John's Squares

Green Festival fringe events from 23rd-31st May
For further information on the Green Festival and details about the week's activities, download our full brochure at www.pect.org.uk/greenfestival

What's going on in Peterborough?



Education opportunities at the Great Fen

The Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre Ramsey Heights is the home of education for the Great Fen. We offer a wide range of quality experiences to schools wishing to visit our 10 acre reserve set in the heart of the fens. Recent recipients of the prestigious Sandford Award in recognition of our outstanding contribution to heritage education and learning within the historic environment, the Great Fen Education team provides exciting, innovative and enjoyable programmes of study catering for all ages.



In addition to our heritage based 'Fen Time Travellers' day-long programme in which children are invited to explore the past with characters from local history we also have a range of wildlife based activities throughout the year.

Children can meet 'Captain Fantastic' our very own superhero; become 'Wildlife Investigators' gathering ecological data to try and prevent a building development on site. They can learn how to 'Survive and Thrive', engage in role play, den building, pond dipping, hunting for minibeasts and a whole host of activities throughout the seasons.

All our activities support the National Curriculum and links are clearly outlined on our website

pages. We also provide a range of post visit activities to be used back in the classroom in order to get the most from the day.



We also offer FREE assemblies for more information please visit www.greatfen.org.uk



Peterborough Heritage Festival - Schools Day

"When knights were bold...The legend of St Oswald!"

- Time travel different historical periods as you meet various characters
- Enjoy magical story telling inside Peterborough Cathedral
- Meet knights and their horses before watching the great joust

The Heritage Festival celebrates the rich heritage of the Peterborough area over the last 3300 years of human occupation. Hundreds of costumed re-enactors descend on the city centre and historic surrounding of the Cathedral precincts, bringing to life our history from Bronze Age to WWII.

School Day Friday 19h June, 10am - 2.30pm

Cost: £200 per class

Travel bursaries available

Enquiries/ booking 01733 864 700
museum.education@vivacity-peterborough.com



Fairtrade in Schools

How does Fairtrade fit in with education?

It is important for students to understand something of the community they are part of at a local, national and international level. Teaching Fairtrade provides a brilliant vehicle for this, with case studies and stories of how real children like them have benefited from Fairtrade and easy ways for students to get involved and make a difference themselves to these members of their global community.

Curriculum links in citizenship, Geography, RE and English provide opportunities for an integrated approach to the subject of fair trade.

An increasing number of Peterborough schools are now involved in learning about and promoting Fairtrade. If your school is not already involved with Fairtrade, then Fairtrade Peterborough is only too happy to offer help and advice.

Excellent teaching resources and suggestions for how to include Fairtrade in the curriculum and other areas of school life are available from Traidcraft

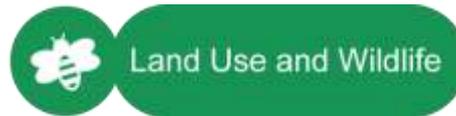
www.traidcraftschools.co.uk/

and from the Fairtrade Foundation

schools.fairtrade.org.uk/

including information on how your school can work through the 3 stages - FairAware, FairActive and FairAchiever – and become a Fairtrade School.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Fairtrade Peterborough at fairtradepeterborough@gmail.com



Kids Country - East of England Showground

The Kids Country Education Area at the East of England Showground was the venue of two exciting events this March.

First, over 100 beavers, cubs and scouts enjoyed an Outdoor Rural Skills day where they picked up expert tips on how to make a dry stone wall, weave willow, make bug boxes, build dens and learn about bird habitats. Despite the cold weather, the event was a great success; especially given that this was the first event to be hosted there since the Barn enjoyed its renovation.



Later that same week, the area enjoyed more of its ongoing makeover, with a volunteer planting day organised by the Wildlife Trust and Buglife. A wildflower meadow, cottage garden and stumpery were created and in time will grow into important conservation features that will be used as interactive educational tools.

Ongoing activities are planned for the Education Area this summer, and include free bee observatory visits for schools, and the ever popular Food & Farming Day on 3rd July. For more information, or to sign up for either of these, please

contact jbaker@eastofengland.org.uk .



Moor Farm, Newborough

Free Visit to the first 25 Primary Schools to book on our Education Visits in 2015

A warm welcome awaits you here at Moor Farm. We offer you an interesting and educational visit to a working farm, in a safe environment. We hope to be able to tailor the visit to meet the needs of your part of the curriculum, including maths, art, geography and healthy eating, so please let us know what you need.

The visit is completely FREE, for the first 25 Primary schools to book each year, and supported by Natural England.

On our farm we have crops, cattle, sheep, and machinery, all of which can be seen and handled throughout the year. Each season is different, so choosing what time of year you visit will depend to some extent what you want to see or do. We try to make as much "hands on" as possible, and an experience you'll remember and want to try again.

There are fields full of different crops to see and find out about. We grow wheat, barley, sugar beet, oilseed rape, grass, mustard, beans, peas and potatoes here. There is a chance to really find out where your food comes from. Watch out for the wildlife that lives in the crops. Look out for the owl boxes too and our baby owls on the CCTV.

There is a full range of farm machinery here and you may be lucky enough to be able to sit on a tractor or combine and have a tractor and trailer ride around the farm.

For more information or to book
email: moorfarmmeats@hotmail.com
tel. 01733 810 229

Powerdown – Children's University

University Centre Peterborough (UCP) is hosting Powerdown; a Children's University event which is returning for 2015. From 13th April to 18th May young people will be able to attend 5 weeks of exciting workshops to learn how to design and deliver an energy conservation campaign.

The Children's University is a national project which recognises the achievements of young people who take part in high quality out of hours learning activities. This year we are trying something innovative and want young people between the ages of 7-14 and their schools to get involved.

Children will be given resources including renewable energy kits, t-shirts, posters and more to help with their campaign. This will give the young people of Peterborough the opportunity to change the way the city thinks about energy.

UCP along with the City Council would like to invite schools to support this initiative. We would like children to nominate a teacher to liaise with on this project. Don't miss out! - email today and sign your children up for this exciting, educational and important initiative.

Places can be booked by emailing
ucpenquiries@anglia.ac.uk
or calling us on 0845 196 5750.

If you are a student registering we will need to know the name of your school and which teacher you will be working with. If you are a school and want to register some students we will need your school name, the student's names and a contact person within the school for us to liaise with.



Bike It

It has been a busy end to the term for Bike It schools. In December St Botolphs Primary took part in making some fancy bike themed Christmas wreaths. Each class did their own design and Bike It officer Gemma and the Bike It Crew judged the winners! Southfields Bike It Crew also made some great Christmas themed Bike It cards.

During Farm House Breakfast Week in January, Winyates, St Thomas More and Woodston Primary had exciting Bike breakfasts using the pedal powered smoothie bike with Sustrans Bike It officers, Gemma and Maya.



If you are a Bike It school and would like to borrow the smoothie bike please do get in touch with us, we can suggest how you can run a session, be present to train you and offer advice on recipes.



In the lead up to April, 11 Bike It schools took part in this year's Sustrans Big Pedal competition. St Botolphs won with 37.06% of journeys having been made on bike or scooter, and Hampton

Hargate with 36.07% and Woodston Primary with 29.75% following closely behind. A big thank you to everyone else that took part in the Big Pedal, it was great to see so many schools, staff, pupils and parents taking part.



Gemma and Maya would also like to say a big welcome to Orton Wistow Primary our newest school to join the project.

If you would like more information about Bike It please email us at gemma.murphy@sustrans.org.uk or maya.stratton-brook@sustrans.org.uk.



Amey

Well done to St Augustine's C of E Junior School who won the competition, run by Peterborough City Council and Amey, in the Term Times magazine late last year

The competition, which received several hundred entries, asked schools to identify the correct bin items should go into using a puzzle. Entries were in with a chance of winning a free recycling assembly hosted by Recycling Rita and Hungry Harry.

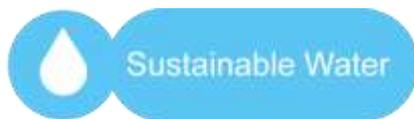
Over 200 pupils enjoyed the assembly at St Augustine's C of E Junior School which taught them about the new items that can now be recycled including household plastic packaging

such as tubs, trays, pots and punnets, carrier bags, plastic film and also aluminium foil and trays. Amey has delivered over 50 school assemblies in the past year, these help educate children about recycling so they become champions in their own home teaching their family what can be recycled and how to dispose of household items in the correct way.



Ongoing and free educational support and resources are available through Amey's education team, including assemblies, community talks and an exciting new game which teaches youngsters which bin you should use for your household waste and recycling.

If you would like to organise an assembly for your school or to discuss Amey's services please contact the communications team on **01733 425353** or email **greenerpeterboroughcomms@amey.co.uk**.



New Water Audit Pack

Anglian Water have recently launched a new water audit pack. The pack is a step by step guide to help teachers and students reduce water use in school.

In the pack find out why water saving is so important and instructions on how to find out your school's average water use. Carry out a water audit of your school and students' attitudes to find out what are the biggest water wastages.

Then find support on writing an action plan which addresses individual needs and sets targets for you school.

Enabling your school to be more sustainable.

Download your free water audit pack
<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/community/education/resources/water-audit/>

National Event

SSA | SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

National Sustainable Schools Conference

Learning for Our Future – Engaging for a
Changing World
Thursday 2nd July 2015

As part of Bristol's European Green Capital 2015 activities, the University of Bristol, in partnership with the Sustainable Schools Alliance and SEEd, will host and deliver this year's National Sustainable Schools Conference.

At the conference you will:

- Engage your pupils through peer-to-peer learning with student volunteers from the University of Bristol
- Share your own innovative and creative ideas with other delegates during our open platform session
- Develop new strategies for embedding sustainability across your curriculum, campus and community
- Meet the experts on Education for Sustainable Development
- Participate in interactive workshops throughout the day, plan for your next year's sustainability curriculum and take home new ideas and resources

For more information

<http://se-ed.co.uk/edu/nssc2015/>