



EMAS NEWS

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EMAS Exchange

Due to the fantastic work that all the EMAS schools have done to make environmental improvements, we feel it would be great if we could run an 'EMAS Exchange'.

The idea of this 'exchange' is that your EMAS team will visit another school and another schools EMAS team will visit yours. It gives your school a chance to show other schools what you have done so far and perhaps aid them in setting up a similar project. It also allows you to learn from other schools and make valuable contacts.

If you are interested but haven't received an EMAS Exchange fax back form then please contact Tony Louca-Weston on 0116 222 1595.

Composting Classroom

There are FREE trips available to The Rotten Resource Centre at Lount.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your pupils to learn all about the wonderful world of composting.

A typical two-hour visit will include:

- A tour of Lount Composting Facility
- NEW fun, interactive workshops - Habitats, Lifecycles and Food-chains
- Curriculum-linked Teacher's Pack
- Children's Action Pack
- Subsidised travel to and from the site.

For further details please contact Sara Smith on 0116 222 0238.



EMAS Audits

The first thing that we need to say about the EMAS Environmental Audit is 'DON'T PANIC'. The auditors are aware of the school system and are not expecting everything to be 100% perfect.



During the visit the auditors will want to meet some of the EMAS club, again it is nothing for the pupils to worry about - it is not a test.

All the auditors want to see is that the pupils have some understanding about environmental issues and that they are able to talk about what they have done in school so far for the EMAS project.

As well as answering any queries beforehand your EMAS Education Officer will also be there on the day to help you through the process, so once again please don't worry.

Should you have any questions about the audit please refer to your EMAS handbook as it covers all the information required.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact your EMAS Education Officer at Environ.



EMAS in schools - Inspiring Schools
To Take Positive Environmental Actions





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Air Today Bike Tomorrow

Five Leicestershire schools (Barleycroft, Braunstone Frith, Kingsway, Queens Mead and Taylor Road) have recently been selected for FREE cycle training.

The Bikes For All scheme has recently received additional funding, which means that not only will the two schools receive free bike training by fully qualified trainers, but on completion of the course all trainees will also receive a free bike!



As we are providing cycle training for schools we are eager to also train people to become accredited cycle trainers!! We are looking for interested people to take part in a FREE 4 day course during which time you will be trained to the National Standard accredited by the CTC.

There are a limited numbers of spaces available for this second round of cycle training and we encourage you to book your place soon.

In return for the free training we simply ask you to donate 30 hours of your time to training children in other schools.

If you are interested in this scheme please contact Holly Smith at Environ on 0116 222 0222.

EcoHouse Tours

Your opportunity for a free EcoHouse tour (as featured in Nov 18th TES Teacher magazine) may be running out! Current funding for the free tours runs out at the end of March 2006. To take advantage of this free service we encourage you to book up as soon as possible.

The EcoHouse is an environmental showhome and offers a fantastic opportunity to learn all about the water cycle and how to live in an environmentally friendly manner. Pupils will experience a fun workshop and a guided tour all around the house and the garden, where they will be able to see, amongst other things, a solar panel, a mini wind-turbine, recycled tiles and recycled carpets! The trip is completely free of charge (with transport included!) and includes a free curriculum linked handbook to use in school.

To book your EcoHouse tour please contact Charlotte Jones on 0116 222 0251.

Top Tip



Winter is here!

Now that winter has arrived it is often the case of turning up the thermostat to heat the school. However, is there anything you could be doing to keep the heat in more effectively, saving money and the environment? If you apply some of these measures you may be able to turn the heating back down and just by turning it down 1 degree you could save you up to 10% on your heating bill. Ideas include:

- Improve your roof and wall insulation.
- Draughtproof all windows and doors
- Insulate your immersion tank.
- Put aluminium foil behind any radiators fitted to outside walls.
- Forget standby - only use the heat and light appliances you really need - don't leave TVs or videos on standby.
- Think solar - Solar panels look great, generate electricity and you could qualify for a grant to contribute to the cost.

