



EMAS NEWS

March 2005

Buswells Lodge are Green Life Award winners

Congratulations to Buswells Lodge for being the overall winner at the recent Green Life Award ceremony, hosted by the Leicester Environment Partnership.

Buswells Lodge received the award for their recent construction of a building that has the following environmental features incorporated: geothermal heating, sheep's wool insulation, light sensors, solar panels, sedum roof, sun-pipes and underfloor heating.



They received their first prize through winning the 'Gold' award in their category of 'Sustainable Resource Use' for which they received a certificate and an Oak tree. Later on in the evening they were also named as the overall winner and received a £100 cheque and a carved wooden statue of an oak tree. The statue has a silver plaque on it upon which is engraved the school name and the year that they won. This statue will then be returned at the end of the year giving other organisations the opportunity to win it.

For more information regarding the Green Life Award please contact Lisa-Jayne Smith on 0116 222 0254.

15 More Schools Recommended For EMAS Registration



Congratulations to all the schools currently involved in the EMAS project.

Following a busy audit week the LRQA (Lloyds Registered Quality Assurance) auditors concluded that the schools should be recommended for inclusion within the scope of approval, thereby becoming EMAS certified.

Unfortunately, the schools cannot officially use the title of EMAS status until April, due to the fact that Leicester City Council will not go through the process of EMAS verification until then.

All the schools have done exceptionally well passing through the audits with no major problems. All the new schools on the EMAS scheme will be invited to an award ceremony, which is being planned for early in the summer term, where all the schools will be presented with their EMAS flag and officially acknowledged at EMAS certified. Once again, huge congratulations to all the EMAS schools.

For more information regarding the EMAS project please contact Tony Louca-Weston at Environ on 0116 222 1595.



EMAS in schools - Inspiring Schools
To Make Positive Environmental Actions





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Barley Croft are Learning With Willow

Barley Croft Primary School has recently been audited as part of the 2005 verification. Their audit report was glowing and highlighted their most recent project, which is to encourage the interaction of their pupils with the environment by developing an 'Active Learning Garden'.

Walkers Ltd have donated funds to allow the creation of a network of Willow tunnels and Domes, which link areas of their school playground and encourage pupils to investigate and learn from their environment.



In addition to this Barley Croft EMAS club have secured funds to develop a large organic vegetable plot in their grounds. It is hoped that, amongst other things, through the development of their Active Learning Garden, pupils and their families will develop respect and ownership of their environment, whilst developing important social skills and learning observe and understand the amazement of growing their own fruit and vegetables.

If you have any questions please contact The Family Learning Co-ordinator, Stefan Thomas at Barley Croft Primary School on 0116 2359008 or EMAS Education Officer, Charlie Lewis on 0116 222 1596.

Annual EMAS Event

Keep your diaries free!

We are holding another Celebration Event this year on the **30th June** and **1st of July**, which all schools will be invited to, to take part in fun environmental activities. There will be no costs to schools for attending, and you will be able to share a variety of ideas for positive environmental actions that you can take back to school.

Top Tips



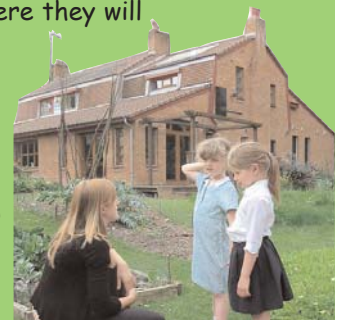
Be Warm but be Wise

Now the warmer weather is on its way, you could survey all the radiators in your classrooms to see if they are too hot. If they are, don't open a window, instead get your premises officer to turn them down!

Free Trips to the EcoHouse

Don't forget that there are still **free** school visits available to the EcoHouse in Leicester. 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!

Available dates quickly fill up so be sure to book up early to avoid disappointment!



If you would like to know more about the EcoHouse visit the website at www.environ.org.uk or to book a free school visit, call EMAS Education Officer, Tony Louca-Weston on 0116 222 1595



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