



# EMAS NEWS

September 2005

## EMAS Training Session

**What:** EMAS Training  
**Who For:** Premises Officers and key EMAS staff  
**When:** November, after school.

We will be running a **FREE** EMAS training session at Environ with support from Leicester City Councils Environment team. This session will help explain the day-to-day management of the EMAS project, taking into account COSHH (the Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health), Water Management, Energy



Management and much more. The training session will be run after school during November, so you will not need to arrange staff cover.

The course is free to attend and refreshments will be provided. This session is a perfect opportunity for Premises Officers and key EMAS staff to increase their knowledge of EMAS in schools, increase awareness of best practice and to network with other EMAS schools.

To register your interest in attending the training event please contact the EMAS team on 0116 222 0222.

## Active Learning in Schools



Since Easter we have been working with 5 EMAS schools on a project entitled, 'Leicester Schools Active Learning Gardens'. The project has been funded by a £5000 grant from the Study Support Team within Excellence in Cities.

Each school has £1000 to enable them to develop Active Learning Gardens within their schools grounds. This has allowed schools to increase whole school interaction with their environment through linking with learning behavioural needs, family learning and the school community.

This project has encouraged all staff to use the school playground as a medium for inspiration and learning.

They have been developed around certain ideas in their EMAS action plans, for example Heatherbrook Primary have designed a garden which links a vegetable patch with a nature area. Also, Barley Croft has a vegetable growing area in the school grounds - with crops!

The crops have been used daily in their new healthier schools meals, and children and teachers alike are really enjoying growing and tasting their own food.

For more information on funding for your own project please contact your EMAS officer at Environ on 0116 222 0222.



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To Take Positive Environmental Actions





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## Free Tours of the EcoHouse

Your school is still able to have free school visits to the EcoHouse. These visits are available from September onwards and are a great way of introducing the school to the EMAS project and to increase overall environmental awareness.

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. This free offer is only available whilst funding allows and available dates quickly fill up so we would recommend booking before the end of March to avoid disappointment!

If you would like to know more about the EcoHouse visit the website at [www.environ.org.uk](http://www.environ.org.uk) or to book a free school visit, call Charlotte Jones at Environ on 0116 222 0251.

## A Warm Welcome

Welcome and Good Luck to the following schools who have now joined up to the EMAS project:

Belgrave St Peters, Charnwood Primary School, Coleman Primary, Humberstone Junior School, Inglehurst Junior, Keyham Lodge School, Linden Primary School, Moat Community College, Parks Primary, Rushey Mead School, Scraftoft Valley Primary School, St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Taylor Road Primary School and Wyvern Primary School

Please feel free to contact the EMAS co-ordinator at any of these schools if you would like to link up EMAS projects.

We also welcome **Robin de Carteret** who is joining the team as an EMAS Education Officer. Robin is looking forward to helping all the schools to progress in their environmental awareness and gain EMAS accreditation.

## Top Tip



### Don't Waste Water

Southern England has had its driest nine months since 1976! It makes environmental and economic sense to try and save water as you could help to prevent a water shortage and save up to 50% off your water bill! Monitoring water use is simple to do and can be done as part of your EMAS group's activities.

- Use the minimum amount of water required when you boil water in kettles.
- Place a 'save-a-flush' or 'hippo' in the toilet cistern. These are free and available from your EMAS Education Officer.
- Dripping taps can waste up to 4 litres of water a day. Ask your Premises Officer to replace worn tap washers for a quick and cheap way of saving water.
- Burst water pipes can cause serious damage as well as waste water. Ensure that your water pipes and external taps are lagged in time for the cold winter months.

