



EMAS NEWS

June 2005

Annual EMAS Event at Brocks Hill

This month sees the return of the annual celebration event for both old and new EMAS schools. This two-day event will take place at Brocks Hill Environment Centre on the 30th June and 1st July.

It is a great opportunity for schools to get together and discuss their experiences of EMAS and receive congratulations from us in achieving EMAS verification.



It also allows all the new schools to talk to the old schools and learn from their experiences, and perhaps take a few ideas away with them.

Several workshops and fun activities will be available for the school groups, including pond dipping and a story telling session.

For more information regarding the EMAS event please contact Tony Louca-Weston or Charlie Lewis at Environ on 0116 222 0222.

Schools Celebrate Green Goal



Congratulations to all the 33 schools who have worked hard and achieved the sought after EMAS verification (Eco-Management Audit Scheme). To be accredited with this award schools have shown how they successfully manage a wide range of environmental impacts, such as waste, energy and water.

To celebrate this achievement children from all the schools gathered at Western Park to receive their prestigious EMAS flags which were presented by Councillor Ross Willmot. Whilst there they met the famous EMAS fox and enjoyed a picnic and a nature tour of the park.

A group photograph of all the attending EMAS schools was taken and this appeared on page 3 of the Leicester Mercury. One school was even interviewed for the radio. This shows just how much of an achievement becoming EMAS verified is, so once again a huge congratulations to all the EMAS schools.

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EMAS in schools - Inspiring Schools
To Take Positive Environmental Actions





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Free Tours of the EcoHouse

There are still free school visits available to the EcoHouse in Leicester. These visits are available in the new school year and your school can attend as often as you wish.

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!

This free offer, which includes **free transport**, is only available whilst funding allows and available dates fill up quickly 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 Tony Louca-Weston at Environ on 0116 222 1595

The EMAS Website

The EMAS website is being used by more and more people. It is a great resource for downloading lesson plans that have direct curriculum links. The section titled "Bulletin Board" is also a great facility enabling conversations to exist between different EMAS schools. This facility is predominantly being used by pupils at the minute but it is also a great facility for teachers to ask questions/ advice from other schools regarding the EMAS project.

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Top Tips



Water Wise

A hot summer often leads to drastic measures being taken to save water, such as hosepipe bans. However, simple actions such as taking a shower instead of a bath would have huge impacts. If everyone in the UK took a shower (not a power shower) rather than a bath we would collectively save as much water in a week as it would take to fill Wembley stadium 10 times!

Get On Your Bike!

Now that the warmer weather is here why not try to cycle to school instead of driving. Cycling to school has huge benefits; it increases the physical fitness of the user, causes a decrease in road congestion and reduces harmful car emissions.

If you do need to drive to school why not try parking a mile away and cycling the rest of the way! Remember, it doesn't matter how far you cycle as long as you do, even something as simple as



parking in the furthest parking space away from your work and walking the rest of the way will all help!



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