



Welcome to our Eco Education Newsletter

May 2019

We have finally made it to the last term of the year and what an exciting one it is going to be - with our planned Twilight session, including pond training with Froglife, on May 2nd and our annual Eco Awards on the 23rd May.

This time last year I was still only 2 months into the role and looking at ways in which we could update our schools provision and make it more relevant to the challenges we are all facing. With this in mind we successfully launched our new Eco Charter this September and we have a new format for our Twilights, which now include CPD and our Eco Awards.

You will also notice that this edition of the newsletter is in a new format making it easier for you to opt in or out of communications, as well as allowing you to forward to others, to join our mailing list to keep updated.

Following the awards PECT would like to hear your thoughts to support you in schools: what you need, what you would like to see more of and, if you



joined our Eco Charter, what your experience has been. This will help us to focus on what is needed ready for when you all return for the start of the new academic year. So please watch out for the online feedback form which will hit your inboxes soon!



Best wishes,
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2019 Eco Awards - 23rd May

We are now on the final countdown to this year's Eco Awards, which will be taking place in a brand new location at the East of England Showground in conjunction with Kids Country

and Outdoor Classroom Day.

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experience.

This has enabled us to create a much more hands-on experience for the children attending and allows you to be part of a wider and national learning

We look forward to seeing you all there, if you haven't already booked your schools place get in touch - education@pect.org.uk

Find out more about this years awards

Healthy Schools

Some of you may remember the 'Peterborough Healthy Schools' initiative from a few years ago? Following its success PECT can confirm that Everyone Health has taken this over and will be running an updated and improved version across the Local Combined Authority. I also have the pleasure to advise that PECT will be responsible for the Healthy Eating Program - Food Smart.



If you would like to get involved from September 2019 we will be offering in school lessons, assemblies, parents evenings, teaching training sessions etc on healthy eating and nutrition so please get in touch - education@pect.org.uk



Kids Country Food & Farm Day

Plans for this year's Food & Farming Day are well underway. Each year, thousands of children are joined by hundreds of agricultural industry experts at the Kids Country event with the mission to connect children to food, farming & the countryside.

On the 28th June we want to welcome as many new and returning schools to the East of England Showground for our 7th year of inspiring education!

One key focus for this year's event is to introduce the link between the agriculture industry and STEM. In our new 'Tec Hub', exhibitors will explore the science behind farming and how engineering, maths and new technology improves productivity and sustainability on UK farms.

Sandra Lauridsen, Education Manager for Kids Country, says: "The Kids Country initiative has established itself as an inspiring educational destination for teachers and educators looking for innovative ways to

stimulate and inform their key stage 1 and 2 students.

“The Food and Farming Day is important because it gives children an understanding of how farmers produce their food and the standards they adhere to. It also connects them with big names from across the industry. We’re now aiming to empower the future generation through science, technology, engineering and mathematics.”

[Find out more & register your interest](#)



Free Farm Resources

LEAF Open Farm School Days - is a nationwide initiative to get children out onto farms and learning about where their food comes from. Throughout June, farms open their gates and host educational visits for

children to learn about how their food is produced and meet the farmers who grow it.

[Find out more about farm school visits](#)

Win a Playground!

As part of The Colgate® Oral Care Recycling Programme, Colgate® and TerraCycle® are offering the opportunity to a Primary School to win a playground made from recycled oral care products. You can register your Primary School for the voting contest from the 15th of April 2019 until the 17th of May 2019. To register, please follow the link below.



[Click here to find out more](#)



**Learning
through
Landscapes**

Would you like £500 worth of outdoor resources?

The Local Schools Nature Grants Programme includes up to £500 worth of outdoor resources, which can be chosen from a mix of over 100 different products. The packages offer a wide mix of products to appeal to a broad range of ages and are customisable, enabling schools to

choose from a menu of items which best suit their learners and their setting.

[Click here for more information](#)



Other News

Challenging Behaviour

How does the Outdoors promote a balanced Brain? - It has been shown that regular integrated play helps to stimulate both lower order thinking and higher order brain development, enabling a more integrated brain to develop. When in extended play mode, it could be through a hunting game or 'playing with' saws to see what happens when different techniques and materials are experimented with, then all kinds of higher order thinking, and behaviours can develop.

[Read more](#)

How Sustainable is your School?

Why not use SEEd's Attitudes to Sustainability survey as a baseline audit to

find out the impact of your work, or as a baseline for next year.

[Complete the survey](#)

New Ofsted Framework Consultation Response

The new Ofsted framework is a big step in the right direction towards a more holistic approach to education and away from a narrow focus on exam results. Good environmental education can be used as evidence for many aspects of the new framework, but we think it would be a game changer if it was explicit about actively looking for and reporting on students contributing positively to the natural world.

[Green Schools - Consultation](#)

What is World Ocean Day for schools?

A celebration of our ocean connection!

After the success of Blue Planet 2, the UK has taken such a keen interest in the ocean and our relationship to it. Hundreds of schools registered to take part in World Ocean Day for Schools and we want you to be part of starting an even bigger conversation.

World Ocean Day is 8th June, which falls on a Saturday this year, so we will celebrate at schools on Friday 7th June.

[Register your interest](#)



Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

20th-24th May - Walk to School Week

23rd May - ECO Awards

June - Wildlife Trust 30 Days Wild Month

3rd-7th June - National Volunteers Week

3rd-7th June - Bike to School Week

5th June - World Environment Day

7th June - World Ocean Day for Schools

9th June - Open Farm Sunday

10th-15th June - BNF Healthy Eating Week

14th June - Peterborough School Heritage Festival

28th June - Kids Country Food & Farm Day



[View PECT's upcoming events](#)



130,000

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE REACH
A YEAR



4

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WE'RE
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