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# West Salford

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[www.salford.gov.uk/econews](http://www.salford.gov.uk/econews)



Lita Sykes—Environmental Education Officer for West Salford

Hi and welcome to the second edition of the West Salford update. Thank you again to everybody that attended the eco schools forum you should all be receiving information regards future cluster meetings please take the time to look over the ideas I am looking to set these up for the end of May.

## Mossfield Primary pupils help launch The Greener Cleaner Crew

Year 4,, 5 and 6 took part in designing a tea shirt that will be used in rolling out the greener cleaner crew through out the city the scheme is designed to try encourage more people to look after their surrounding environment. Congratulations to Nathan Croft who designed the tea shirt he also won a ipod shuffle which was presented to him by City West community development worker Sam Lennard.



## St Charles Primary, Swinton- recycling champions

St Charles pupils wanted to look at how they could recycle more in school and at home all the school took part in designing recycling bins that would remind them what they could put in. Pupils also had the opportunity to take home a recycling wheel which explains what can go in each bin and what can be taken to the house hold recycling centres. St Charles are striving to become more eco friendly.

## Green Flag flying

Ellenbrook Eco Flag

Ellenbrook Community Primary School, for outstanding Eco measures, has recently received the International Green Flag. One of the reasons Ellenbrook has accomplished this great milestone, is because they have lately built a Community Friendship Garden. This contains plants from all over the world, including a Eucalyptus plant, from Australia. In the approaching years Ellenbrook Primary School will set an example for



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# Eco-news

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## Eco Forum triumph



### Salford's second Eco-Forum was a great success

The Environmental Education Team hosted an Eco-Forum for the second year running on 4 February at Buile Hill Park Hall. A total of 98 people attended the forum, including representatives from schools and children's centres. Fun was had as attendees learnt more about various topics such as Energy, Climate Change and Sustainable Schools.

### Cluster meetings are go!

Attendees were able to take part in our new support system, the Cluster. This enabled them to meet up with fellow colleagues in their local area and exchange ideas. It was also an opportunity for them to meet their designated Environmental Education Officer and learn more about what was going on in their area. We plan to hold a cluster meeting every term please see page 4 for further details.

### We would like to thank everyone who attended

It was an excellent day, very well organised and very informative.

Irlam Endowed Primary

Thank you for a fantastic day, I really have come away with so much I want to achieve for my school.

Lark Hill Primary School

## Welcome...

to the eighth edition of Eco-news — the newsletter for schools and organisations who want to learn more about environmental education in Salford.

Want to send us a story for the next issue? Then call:  
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## Salford ranger team

The Salford Ranger Team work in a number of Salford's parks, country parks and local nature reserves.

The Rangers make these places somewhere for everyone to enjoy. They do this through providing outdoor education, volunteer days, events, guided walks and nature conservation.

If you are interested contacting the rangers or finding more about your local park:  
[www.salford.gov.uk/rangerteam](http://www.salford.gov.uk/rangerteam)

Salford City Council

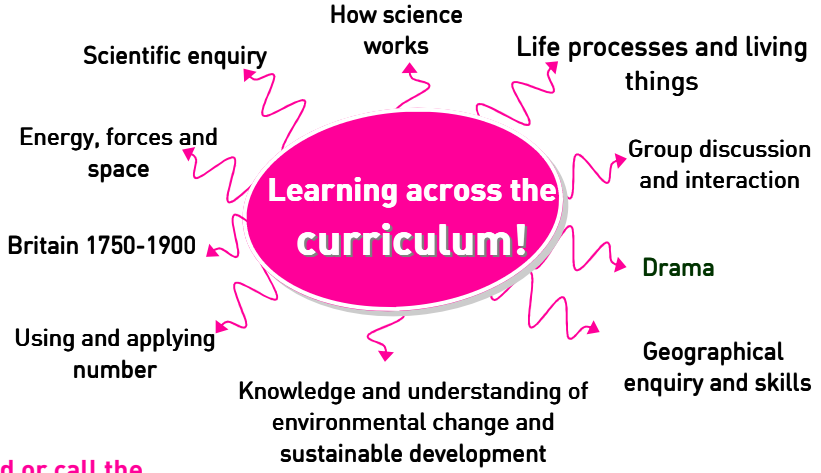


# Climate change workshops

The Environmental Education Team have developed a series of fun, interactive workshops aimed at introducing the concept of climate change and helping pupils understanding some of the key surrounding issues.

Designed to support the National Curriculum at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3, the new workshops offer both primary and secondary schools a great opportunity to involve pupils in working and learning across the curriculum.

- Workshop activities include:**
- An introduction to climate change
  - Understanding the causes and impacts of climate change
  - Exploring local and global impacts of climate change
  - Understanding carbon footprints and looking at ways we can all help tackle climate change
  - Debating some of the controversial issues surrounding climate change



For more information please see the leaflet attached or call the team for a chat!

## Are you part of the bee scene?

Plantlife and the Bumblebee Conservation trust would like your help for their new and exciting **Bee Scene Survey**. In recent years bumblebee numbers have been declining. One of their main sources of food (nectar) are wildflowers, by measuring the number of wildflowers we can predict the amount of bumblebees expected in an area.

To take part all you need to do is make a visit to your local park or local nature area. Look out for the different types of flowers, how many there are and report back. Wildabout plants will provide you with a **free** education pack as well as **free** survey pack. This is a great activity to carry out in any school wildlife garden.

[www.wildaboutplants.org.uk](http://www.wildaboutplants.org.uk)

**Did you know?**

Honey bees have been around for 30 million years

Bees within one hive collect nectar from two million flowers to make only one pound of honey.

One bee will make 1/12th a teaspoon of honey in its life time

## Salford's climate fair



Salford City Council will be holding a large family fun event to raise awareness of climate change and what we can do about it in Salford.

Throughout the day there will be lots of activities including cookery demonstrations, BMX displays and a chance to see local endangered animals. Young people will be able to get involved in making art out of recycled objects, plant their own veggie seed and much more. There will also be stalls showing the latest in renewable energy technology and energy saving measures. Leaflets will be distributed to schools nearer the date.

**Saturday 26 June**  
**Salford Town Hall**  
**12-4pm**

**Come along**  
**and have some**  
**fun**



## Salford nationally recognised

[www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

76% of all schools in Salford are taking part in the eco-schools programme. This means that out of 172 authorities in England and Wales, Salford is 17th! Also as we currently have seven Green Flags in Salford this places us 33rd nationally for Green Flag awards. The Environmental Education Team would like to thank you all for all your hard efforts and lets see if we can move further up the eco-schools league!

Congratulations to the following schools who have now been awarded Eco-schools status.

<p><b>Registered</b></p> <p>Oasis Academy MediaCityUK Primrose Hill Primary School St Boniface RC Primary School St Charles' RC Primary School</p>	<p><b>Bronze</b></p> <p><b>Bronze award</b></p> <p>Irlam Endowed Primary School Westwood Park Primary School Christ Church CE Primary School</p>	<p><b>Silver</b></p> <p><b>Silver award</b></p> <p>St Mary's C of E Primary School St Mary's RC Primary School St Andrew's CE Primary School</p>	<p><b>Green flag award</b></p> <p>Lower Kersal Primary School <b>2nd</b> St Andrew's Methodist Primary School</p>
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## 1Goal Send my friend to school

There are 75 million children in the world who don't have access to education. 1Goal is asking for schools to raise awareness of this during the World Cup which runs from 11 June to 11 July. Register your school and send for your **free** education pack. This contains resources, lesson plans and a world cup result chart. This is a great way to get children to think of others through sport.

[www.sendmyfriend.org/one-goal](http://www.sendmyfriend.org/one-goal)



The Big Wildlife Garden can help you turn your school garden into an oasis for plants and animals.

Simply register for free and find out everything you need to know to get birds, butterflies, frogs and toads migrating to your school garden. It doesn't matter if you have a tiny area or a large school playing field; your garden could become part of England's biggest new wildlife reserve.

Once registered your school can start working towards gaining points to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, all of which can contribute to eco-schools. For further information:

<http://www.bwg.naturalengland.org.uk/>

## Come on dig in!

BBC's Dig In Campaign is back. Simply fill in your details on line and you will receive a selection of **free** seeds. These include basil, carrots and courgettes.

[www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/digin/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/digin/)

They have also produced a new set of KS2 lesson plans which can be useful to both schools already growing their own and those starting from scratch.

