



July newsletter 2012

 **W**e hope you're enjoying the last couple of weeks of term and the rather sporadic sunshine. Despite the variable weather, we know that many schools have been outside using their school grounds and local green spaces, as well as planning 'Eco' stalls for their summer fayres, end-of-term Eco fashion shows, and so much more!

To help us to showcase the brilliant environmental activities in Brighton schools, we need your photos for our website. We would like images covering all nine Eco-Schools topics, and showing pupils from all Key Stages, so please don't be shy - email any jpegs to **Helen** before the end of term so she can update the website over the summer.

Or if you tweet about your Eco-Schools achievements let us know your twitter address...

Helen and Katie

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NEW BHee Eco-Schools conference

We are very pleased to announce that the first BHee Eco-Schools conference, to be held at **Patcham High School** on **21st September 2012**. This all-day event for Eco Committees will give pupils and teachers the opportunity to celebrate successes, share ideas and make links with other schools. More details will be on the **BHee website** very soon; in the meantime, make a note of the date in your school diary. And if you elect a new Eco Committee each school year, make sure your election has taken place before 21st September.



 **W**ildlife workshops

Although the end of this school year is in sight we expect you'll already be making plans for next year! September and October are still good times to get outdoors and discover the habitats and wildlife in and around your school. Why not book one of our **free Wildlife Workshops** now for next term? Full details are on the wildlife page of the **BHee website**.

The Autumn Term is an ideal time to **plan and develop your school wildlife area**. It's the time to dig a pond, plant trees and hedges, sow wild flower seed and set things in place so it is ready to use by the Spring. BHee can offer help and advice planning or developing your area, contact **Katie**.

From September 2012, BHee is very pleased to offer **NEW Marine workshops**. These will be in-school and focus on the ecology and wildlife of the amazing marine habitat off Brighton & Hove. Follow up packs will help you plan your own trip to the beach - perhaps rockpooling in Ovingdean or a strand line survey on the beach near your school. Workshops will be closely linked to the science curriculum: Life and Living Processes.

For further details please contact **Katie**.



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 **Congratulations** to the following schools for their recent Eco-Schools awards:

Bronze: St Batholemew's C of E Primary



Green Flag: Carlton Hill Primary, Somerhill Juniors

We are particularly proud of Carlton Hill, who have just been awarded their first Green Flag having wowed their assessor! We look forward to hearing equally good news from Patcham Infants and Moulsecomb Primary in September!



Don't forget to **apply online** for your Bronze or Silver award before the end of term. And contact **Helen** to arrange a meeting in September or October to start planning for **your school's Green Flag** in summer 2013!

Competitions

'BHee' a song writer...

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the One Planet: One Voice competition...

EYFS / KS1: My First Word

KS2: St Luke's Primary School Eco Club

KS3: Brighton College



The standard of entries was very high, and our judging panel, which included adults and young people, had a difficult task! Congratulations to all three winning schools, who will receive £150 to spend on their 'eco' projects.

A song or chant makes a great Eco Code, to be sung by the whole school in assemblies. If you didn't enter the competition, why not look at the winners on the [BHee website](#) and use them to inspire your Eco Committee to compose their own.



The Eco Club, St Luke's Primary School

Sport into Schools



Wastebuster provides information, teaching resources and films on reducing waste and recycling in Brighton & Hove.

They have teamed up with EDF Energy's programme for greener schools, the Pod, to offer a wide range of exciting competition prizes through the London 2012

Inspire project Sport into Schools.

Find out more in the news section of the [BHee website](#).





School networks

BHee is keen to help schools to establish networks in order to share resources and expertise, and support each other with their Eco-Schools work. If you have ideas for linking with other schools and would like help in making them happen please contact Helen or Katie.

Dorothy Stringer School is sharing its considerable expertise by offering courses in environmental education for KS 1, 2 and 3 and a tailored facility for bespoke courses at KS4 and above. They have a range of habitats to work from: urban woodland, grassland and pond, and the equipment to carry out a variety of investigations, all of which are curriculum specific.

For more details please contact BigNature@Dorothy-Stringer.co.uk.



Dates for your Diary

Click on the links below for more information or check out our calendar at BHee.co.uk.

21st September - Brighton & Hove Eco-Schools Conference

1st to 30th September - Organic September (Soil Association)

23rd September to 23rd October - 2012 Seed Gathering Season

(The Tree Council)

1st to 31st October - International Walk to School Month

(Living Streets)

4th October - World Animal Day (Naturewatch)

27th October - Make a Difference Day (CSV)

27th October - Feed the Birds Day (RSPB)

19th November to 2nd December - Switch-Off Fortnight (the Pod)

If you have any news you'd like to share in the next newsletter or on our website, please contact [Helen Peake](#) or [Katie Eberstein](#).

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