

The summer term is upon us, the perfect time to get outside with your pupils and explore the wonderful habitats on our doorstep.

Our local area, a designated UNESCO Biosphere reserve, has recently unveiled its new identity: **The Living Coast**. In celebration of the new name we are running a Living Coast Day for school Eco Committees on 18th July – please [contact Katie](#) soon if you'd like to be part of this wonderful day, as places will be limited. Once you're booked to come, why not ask Bike-it Ben from Sustrans (Ben.Sherratt@sustrans.org.uk) to help you prepare your Eco Committee to cycle there and back?

Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues. And if you have any questions about BHee please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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Living Coast Day: Tuesday 18 July

The perfect end-of-year treat for a hard-working Eco Committee: a day exploring the unique habitats of our **Living Coast**, a UNESCO Biosphere reserve. We'll spend the morning on Beacon Hill, Rottingdean, exploring the rare chalk grassland and finding out about the amazing flowers, grasses, butterflies and birds living there. After a stroll to Ovingdean, we'll picnic on the beach before exploring the rockpools, discovering the exciting wildlife of our chalk reef.

Suitable for up to 12 pupils per school (KS2 and KS3). [Contact Katie](#) for more information and to register and interest in taking part.



Eco-Schools Awards

Congratulations to **Patcham Juniors** for achieving the prestigious Green Flag award in March. We are hoping to see several more Green Flags before the end of the school year, as well as new Silver and Bronze awards. If you would like help with any aspect of your Eco-Schools work, including applying for your next award, please don't hesitate to [contact Helen](#).



Peacock Poetry Prize: Everyday Epic

BHee teamed up with Brighton Festival for this year's [Peacock Poetry Prize](#) and the judges were kept busy reading nearly 200 entries! All shortlisted poems, including those shortlisted for the BHee prize, will be invited to a prizegiving event at the end of May. We will be announcing the BHee shortlist very soon, and publishing the chosen poems on the [BHee website](#).



The Daily Mile

Introducing [The Daily Mile](#) to your school is the perfect Eco-Schools project, involving the whole school in becoming more physically active while enjoying the outdoor environment together. Children and staff in several Brighton and Hove schools have trialled the scheme and seen enormous benefits; to find out more [click here](#). To discuss introducing The Daily Mile in your school contact [Corinna Edwards-Colledge](#).



FREE Sustainable Fashion Workshop

Looking for a practical and engaging workshop to offer Y6 as a post-SATs treat or for upper KS2 pupils as part of Arts or Eco Week? Pupils discuss the environmental and ethical issues involved in producing the clothes we wear, and find out what we can all do to make our choices more responsible, before getting hands-on and upcycling an old t-shirt. For more information [click here](#) or [contact Julia Hart](#).



Outdoor Classroom Day: 18th May

Being outdoors helps pupils focus and boosts creativity and imagination. Lessons learnt outdoors often stay with us for life.

Join thousands of schools across the globe in a day of outdoor learning, discovery and play. [Click here](#) to sign up for free resources, competitions and inspiration.



Citizen Science: Monitoring House Sparrows

75% of house sparrow populations have been lost in urban areas in the last 25 years. BHee is working with the [Brighton & Hove House Sparrows Project](#) to monitor the city's sparrow population. To get involved, or to register interest in future activities to encourage more sparrows into your school grounds, please [contact Katie](#).



House Sparrow Photography Competition: closing date 31 October

This free to enter competition is being run by the [Brighton & Hove House Sparrows Project](#). Prizes will be given and winning photos exhibited at the Booth Museum. It's simple to take part – snap a photo of house sparrows in your school grounds and submit it to BHsparrows@gmail.com. For more information, [click here](#).



Polli:Nation: Teachers' workshop 17 or 27 May

[Polli:Nation](#) is a UK-wide initiative supporting schools to transform their school grounds into pollinator-friendly habitats. A FREE Polli:Nation workshop for Brighton and Hove teachers will take place on Wednesday 17th May or Thursday 27th May, from 4-5.30. Come along to find out how other schools are increasing awareness of the UK's pollinators and try a range of activities for KS1-3 students. (Venue to be confirmed; let us know if you would like to host at your school.)

[Contact Katie](#) to register your interest, stating which date works better for you.



Perfect Pollinators

The University of Sussex is looking for primary schools to take part in their Perfect Pollinators project, by hosting a nest box for solitary bees. Perfect Pollinators aims to engage children in **scientific research** by enabling them to become 'citizen scientists' and collect data on these fascinating animals whose populations are declining.

Nest boxes need to be set up as soon as possible, so contact [Dr. Beth Nicholls](#) NOW to take part or for more information.



Visit Seven Sisters Country Park

Whether it's pond dipping or rockpooling, rivers or coasts **with Sussex Wildlife Trust** can offer a wonderful day out for your class at Seven Sisters Country Park.

[Click here](#) for more information.



30 Days Wild

Can you do something wild every day for 30 days this June? From learning about nature to creating wild spaces on your school grounds, there's something simple that everyone can do to bring nature into their lives.

[Click here](#) for more information and to sign up for a schools' pack.