

Happy New Year to all at [school name]. We hope you've returned to school refreshed and with a renewed enthusiasm for helping your pupils connect with, and care for, our beautiful world.

This BHee newsletter introduces a range of exciting opportunities to bring the curriculum to life through learning about wildlife and sustainability, as well as ideas to support your Eco-Schools work. Please forward it to your colleagues and encourage them to get involved.

Perhaps now is a good time to have a quick browse of the BHee website (www.bhee.co.uk) and remind yourself of the range of workshops, resources and support available FREE to local authority schools in Brighton and Hove. If you have any questions, or suggestions for new ways that BHee might support schools in the city, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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Peacock Poetry Prize: Everyday Epic

BHee has teamed up with **Brighton Festival** for this year's Peacock Poetry Prize. In celebration of the work of their Guest Director, Kate Tempest, Brighton Festival is inviting young people to submit poems on the theme of 'Everyday Epic'.

A special BHee prize will be awarded for poems which celebrate our everyday interaction with the natural world. This could be at the beach, on the Downs, in a local park or in your school grounds; the choice is yours. The competition is open to local poets aged between 8 and 19 years, and the closing date is 3rd April. For more information [click here](#).



BHee Twilight: Introduction to Eco-Schools, Thursday 26th January

Whether you're a new Eco Coordinator who would like to find out about the Eco-Schools process, an old hand who needs a bit of a refresher, or you're thinking of taking on your school's 'eco' reins in the future, our 'Introduction to Eco-Schools' is for you.

The twilight will be hosted by Green Flag school, Brunswick Primary, on 26th January from 4 to 5.30. If you'd like to come along, please [email Helen](#).



Citizen Science: Monitoring House Sparrows

BHee is working with Brighton & Hove Wildlife Forum on an exciting new project to monitor the city's house sparrow population. This project, which will take place in the spring, will be suitable for KS2 and KS3 pupils. If your school is interested in getting involved, please [contact Katie](#) for further details.



Rockpooling: limited dates **BOOK NOW!**

BHee's ever-popular rockpooling workshops are the perfect way for pupils to discover the wonders of our local marine habitats. To get a glimpse of what's involved watch the short [video](#) we made with pupils from Benfield Primary School. Rockpooling dates are limited by the tide timetable, so [contact Katie](#) now to make a booking.



Free Trees for Schools

The Woodland Trust is offering free trees to schools – ideal for planting a small hedgerow or wooded area in your school. For more information [click here](#).

Please [contact Katie](#) for details of FREE tree curriculum-linked workshops, advice and help with planting or a whole-school assembly.



Ashden LESS CO2

BHee is working with environmental charity Ashden to help schools save money by involving the whole school in saving energy. **LESS CO2** supports staff and pupils to work together to save energy, care for the planet and reduce bills. The next phase of the free project starts at the end of January and there are still a few places available. For more information and to sign up [click here](#).



Our Water Matters: FREE workshops for KS2

This is a fantastic opportunity for seven Brighton & Hove schools to take part in FREE workshops exploring our local water cycle, as part of the University of Brighton's 'Widening Participation' programme. For more information [click here](#).



Save Water, Save Money!

Southern Water is offering primary schools in Brighton and Hove a great opportunity to save water and money. Their engineers are visiting selected schools to audit their water use, then fitting the latest water-saving devices to taps, toilets and showers. The project is FREE to participating schools, and BHee is supporting it by helping Eco Committees spread the word about water efficiency to staff and pupils throughout the school. For further information [click here](#).

Please contact [Bryan Deakin](#) to find out if your school building is suitable to take part. This project ends soon, so do not delay!



Tesco Bags of Help

If you're looking for funding to help you develop an outdoor space this scheme is worth a look. Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag levy in stores is being used to fund thousands of projects across the UK. Schools are eligible to apply to receive up to £5000. For more information [click here](#).



5 Ways to Smile on the Way to School

If you are interested in promoting ways to keep well both physically and mentally, have a look the great '5 ways to smile on the way to school' [video](#) made by a partnership between School Travel, Public Health and Brighton primary schools. The School Travel team also has a range of free resources, including an interactive Smile display available on free loan. For more information [email the school travel team](#).



Our South Downs Annual Teachers' Conference: 29 March, Plumpton College

A great conference providing inspiration on how to access the outdoor learning opportunities in the South Downs National Park! This year's event is **free of charge**, and will be packed with workshops, talks and activities for teachers, senior leadership and other support staff across key stages one to five. For more information [click here](#).



Pre-history Activities at Moulsecomb Primary School

Moulsecomb Primary is opening their award-winning school grounds to local schools, with opportunities for pupils to explore history through hands-on ancient crafts and technologies. Perfect for classes studying the Stone Age or Saxons, their imaginative workshops will bring the curriculum to life. For more information [click here](#) or contact [Lucy Rayner](#).