

Environment Matters

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Save energy at school



The council's climate change team are offering school's in the borough an opportunity to borrow a free energy monitor to help launch a pupil-led energy saving scheme. To kick start the campaign: book a free, interactive assembly designed to help raise awareness of energy saving. The assembly will leave pupils motivated to help reduce your school's electricity consumption.

Contact Cati Smith for more information or to book: 01483 444509 or cati.smith@guildford.gov.uk

Fairtrade assembly

Fairtrade makes a real difference to people's lives. It guarantees farmers and workers in the developing world a fair price for their crops and products. Find out more about Fairtrade during a whole school assembly, why it's important to buy products with the mark and the amazing things that Guildford are doing through the Guildford - Mukono (Uganda) link.



For more information or to book please contact Sue Wilbraham suerwilbraham@talktalk.net

Hydro drama workshops

Almost 1000 years of history is covered in a couple of hours during this entertaining and interactive session. This is a high energy in every sense of the word as the children race through the invention of the water wheel, royal disputes, gruesome accidents and hauntings, whacky new inventions and a tour of the hydro power plant. The hydro drama workshop has been developed with the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre for pupils in years 5 and 6. It is free to all schools in the borough as it is sponsored by EDF Energy's Green Fund.



To book please contact Cati Smith on 01483 444509 or cati.smith@guildford.gov.uk

Route to the future event

Held on the 1st - 2nd of October at Loseley Park the Route to the Future event will showcase the activities of Bricks and Bread Sustainable Living centre as well as other local organisations to promote sustainable enterprise, eco transport and money saving ideas. As part of the event 100 school children are invited to take part in a day of creative thinking and fun activities at the Aldershot Centre. This is taking place on Wednesday 28 September and the displays created will be exhibited at the Route to the Future event.



For more information or to book please contact Trudy Thompson on 01252 314060

Free assemblies and workshops

News and Events



Switch it off Fortnight

Switch-Off Fortnight is a fantastic opportunity to get the whole school learning about energy and thinking about how to cut down on the amount of energy used. Register to take part in this year's campaign from 21 November to 4 December at: www.jointhepod.org/campaigns/switch-off-fortnight/

National Sustainable Schools Conference 2011



This conference shares the latest developments in the sector and investigates how simple changes can bring about better engaged students, amazing energy savings and improved well-being for both pupils and educators. The London conference is taking place on Friday 21 October.

For more information or to book please visit: www.se-ed.org.uk/conference/index.html

Greening the Borough Grant

Schools and community groups can apply for up to £500 for carbon saving projects. Eligible projects include installing energy efficiency measures like loft and cavity wall insulation or upgrading lighting systems. The grant can also be used to support renewable energy technology projects, as well as promoting sustainable transport.

Application forms for 2011/12 Greening the Borough Grant funds will be available from 3 October 2010. The deadline for the grant is Friday 16 December 2011.

For more information visit: www.guildford.gov.uk/greeningtheboroughgrant



Get composting this autumn at school

Composting is the greenest, most natural way to deal with your school food and garden waste.



Discounted bins are available through the Surrey Waste Partnership, and there are simple step-by-step guides available online at: www.surreywastepartnership.org.uk on how to make your own compost heap, get started with composting and other useful advice!

Close the door campaign



close the door
against energy waste

Guildford Borough Council is inviting schools to design a 'close the door' poster in support of the close the door campaign.

The campaign focuses on asking shops and restaurants to close their doors during business hours and stop wasting energy. As much as 50% of a shop's energy is wasted by leaving the doors open with the heating or air-conditioning on!

Drawings and entries can be sketched (with coloured pencils or felt tips only), painted or various types of mixed media can be used. The size of the drawing must fit an A4 portrait sheet (297mm by 210mm). Deadline is Friday 4 November. The top 3 winners will receive a fantastic eco-friendly prize.

If you would like to take part or more details on how to get involved please contact Cati Smith on 01483 444509 or cati.smith@guildford.gov.uk



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