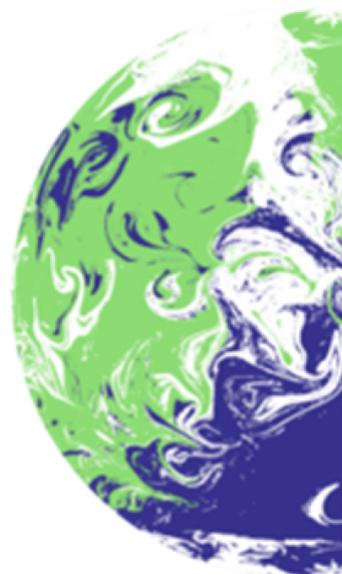




Looking Ahead - Beyond The Pandemic

As we draw nearer to the end of term, our thoughts have already started to look ahead to September and the start of another new academic year.

This will be an exciting time as we prepare to invite schools back to our [Eco Awards](#) in October. All being well the awards will be held on the 21st October at the Wildlife Haven - Railworld. As always, there will be plenty of hands on opportunities to get involved as well as the school showcase; displaying your own amazing work. If you haven't already seen our [Virtual Awards](#) on our website, take a look as there has been some truly inspiring work taking place despite all the lockdowns and disruptions. We would urge you to book your place as soon as possible, by completing the booking form below. (This event will comply with covid regulations in place at the time and we will be in touch with schools in mid-September to provide further details).



Following this, the eyes of the world will be turning to Glasgow in November for the UN's 26th Climate Change Conference - [COP26](#). Over 200 countries will come together to agree how we, as a global community, can reduce the causes and take action to adapt to the effects of climate change.

Over the last few months, PECT have been working together with many other organisations from across the UK to produce a fantastic learning resource pack to support schools to get involved. The pack will be available from 1st September 2021 and will include information on the role of schools in shaping the future, as well as:

- **COP26 Presentation for assemblies**
- **Mini Climate Summit Toolkit for discussion based activities**
- **Promise To The Planet Workshop to support students to take action**

- **Video Library to access independent research**
- **Educator & Youth Led Guidance, supporting confidence in tackling complex subjects**

We hope that schools will use this opportunity to make the changes needed for a more sustainable future. If you would like to know more about either of the above, or how PECT can support your school to become more sustainable and meet the Ofsted requirements, then please do get in touch.



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PECT Virtual Awards

PECT Eco Awards Booking

COP26 Get Involved

COP26 Free Resources



Students Start a Recycling Revolution!

The students of St John Fisher school in Peterborough are on a mission to ensure that everyone does their bit to tackle litter and waste.

Their Eco-Warriors have been on a roll this year! Before the pandemic hit, students decided that something needed to be done to tackle the problem of waste and recycling in their school. Firstly, they undertook a waste audit to find out what was contributing to the issues the most, and found that by far crisp packets were the most found item. Then came the school shutdowns, but that didn't stop students, both in school and at home, working on ways they could continue their campaign.

They implemented 3 newly decorated green bins made specifically for crisp packets which have been permanently placed in the courtyard; outside the school canteen and out on the field where it was thought to be most accessible for students to use. Working with [Terra-Cycle](#), an organisation

aiming to recycle what others don't to eliminate waste, they collected and sorted the packets to be sent to them and from this to be either recycled, or made into blankets for the homeless.

Tonyo, one of the eco reps said "Our aim was to not only reduce our carbon footprint and improve our school environment, but to also support others and we have been able to achieve this at the same time."

But they haven't stopped there - they have also converted the school newsletter from paper to electronic, organised several litter-picking sessions and have even been shortlisted for 'The Edit Project' competition!

Here at PECT we would like to say a huge well done to the team and we can't wait to see what you get up to next.

If your school has a story to tell or you have an enthusiastic green team / student - we want to hear about it for our next newsletter.

Please send your article along with a picture to education@pect.org.uk - please don't forget to tell us your name, school and project name.



PECT are looking for student ambassadors as part of their [BLUEPRINT to a Circular Economy project](#).

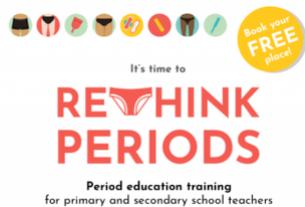
This is a fantastic opportunity for secondary school students to develop student leadership skills, take the lead on environmental initiatives and raise awareness around recycling and waste reduction.

PECT will support the ambassadors with FREE resources such as waste-less pledges, project ideas and tips for assemblies and in-school communications. **To get involved, please email blueprint@pect.org.uk.**

Earth Cubs

Perfect for early years and key stage 1 pupils, Earth Cubs makes planet saving exciting, entertaining and achievable. They provide an app, videos and learning resources for 3-7 year

olds all about the world and it's amazing environments - all teacher-written and curriculum linked with a focus on Global Awareness, Language and Literacy, and Creativity.



Plastic Free Periods

ReThink Periods is an award-winning programme which provides primary and secondary teachers with a free training session, PSHE Association quality mark, unbiased period lesson plans, supporting resources and a lovely big demo box of period products (one per school).

According to research:

- 1 in 4 menstruators did not know what to do when they started their periods
- 1/3rd of menstruators are not told about periods by their parents, and 10% receive no preparation before their first period.
- 48% of menstruators in the UK feel embarrassed by their period.

The programme also explores the impact of menstrual products on the environment and encourages plastic free periods.

[Find out more and take a look at the resources](#)

Countryside Classroom Passport

An exciting new activity booklet aimed at primary school aged children is being launched this July. The Countryside Classroom Passport has three exciting sections with a range of challenges asking children to find out, write, make, draw, do, and visit, all themed around food, farming and the natural environment.



The Passport will be available to download for free from Countryside Classroom in time for the summer holidays.

Children who successfully complete all tasks and post in by the end of the summer holidays will receive a certificate of achievement and a rosette.



Lincolnshire Agricultural Society School

Competitions

For this year only, the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society is offering schools the opportunity to get involved in four exciting virtual competitions over the summer term. These are replacing the much loved and renowned annual Schools' Challenge competition.

Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Greater Lincolnshire are now invited to apply to take part in the following Schools' Competitions:

- The Great Lincolnshire Schools Tate Off
- Reuse and Grow Gardening competition
- Photography Competition
- Reuse and Show art/sculpture competition

Why not enter and see how you get on?

[Click for further information](#)

Growing Together

To support primary schools with the back to school transition in September, CLPE's expert teaching team has created a FREE whole school teaching unit focusing on three key texts to involve school communities in a 'learning together, growing together' focus.



The three texts are:

- *Errol's Garden* by Gillian Hibbs - targeting children in EYFS
- *The Secret Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers - targeting children in KS1
- *The Promise* by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin - targeting children in KS2

This unit will use high quality children's literature to engage children in high quality talk, reading and writing activities as they return to a new school year. The unit will engage the whole school community in a project that results in positive action for change in their local community, through planting in the local area.

[Click here to register](#)



Grants For Schools

While your school finances will feel as tight as ever, there are hundreds of organisations and grant-awarding bodies that you can apply to for funding for those projects you've been planning.

A wide range of funding types are available to support all sorts of expenditure from training to playground canopies, curriculum-based activities, sports projects, school visits or arranging, extra-curricular activities and building/ outdoor improvements to your educational spaces.

There are many grant providers which award funds to schools, but it can be hard to find the right scheme and write a successful application. The link below contains a range of free resources to assist you in securing funds for your school. Including an extensive list of grant providers and a free 'Writing Successful Grant Applications' guide.

[Download your free guide](#)

Youth Summit & Free Teacher Training

The Transform Our World Youth Summit, will be happening online for schools this November, during the period (1-12 November 2021) when the UK is hosting the COP 26 global climate summit.



The vision is for:

- a variety of inspirational sessions, tailored for **both primary and secondary schools**.
- school students to feel like they are part of something big, **united in compassion** in a collective where others care like they do
- young people to know that they can make a difference to the planet, and that **we are all on a journey together**
- students all over the UK to engage with the Summit, to know that it's open to all and **you don't have to already be a climate activist to participate**
- students to feel that **everyone has a role to play** in taking climate action
- schools to be inspired to act, and feel like they can **get stuck in** by taking practical steps of climate action following the Summit

Transform Our World teacher CPD

A Rounder Sense of Purpose: Education for Sustainable Development Workshop

Date: Thursday 24 June

Time: 4.00-5.30pm

The Rounder Sense of Purpose (RSP) framework has been designed for all educators, working at any level, who wish to provide an education for sustainable development. Join Paul and Rick from University of Gloucestershire for this free interactive workshop as they take you through the RSP core competencies and how you can start to apply these in your teaching.

[Get involved](#)

[Register for RSP](#)



Big Bee Challenge

Radio 2's Big Bee Challenge – is a brand new project, to encourage you to help create a better environment to support our bees and other

pollinating insects.

Around the UK, bees and other insects are in decline - with some in danger of extinction. That's why they're asking younger listeners to get involved by **designing their very own bee-friendly garden** that will attract our precious little pollinators. The winning design will then be built at an NHS Trust site, which is used by children and young people with mental health needs. How un-bee-lievable is that!

Children aged between 6 and 12 years old, can enter this new competition by designing a garden that bees, and the patients, families and staff of the NHS Trust, will love. Let your imaginations run wild and see what you come up with! The winner will not only see their garden built and buzzing with bees at a special opening party this August, live on Radio 2, but they'll also take home an illustration of their design and a box of goodies.

[How to enter](#)

First School Achieves Healthy

Schools Cambridgeshire & Peterborough



Despite all the challenges that have been faced since March 2020,

Thongsley Fields has remained committed to establishing a robust health and wellbeing agenda within the school for the benefit of its whole community. The journey towards accreditation was initially motivated by the school's acknowledgement that it needed to embed a structured approach to food education to provide its pupils with the opportunity to make healthier choices. The achievement of the [Food Smart Award](#) was therefore chosen as the starting point to provide the focus required and to encourage both staff and pupils alike to make informed changes and to begin to appreciate the benefits of these. Through the enterprising leadership of the School Council, the school managed to complete all the standards required for the Food Smart Bronze award just ahead of the first "Lockdown".

Having adopted a whole school approach and realising the positive impact this had, the school decided to appraise its current practice in terms of health education using the standards of the Healthy Schools Bronze Award. This quickly provided a clear but manageable action plan, which collectively the staff set about working towards and included both parent and pupil participation even throughout the periods of "school closure."

Recognising the relevance of the award and the framework it provides for meeting the DfE's statutory guidance on health education, the school was further inspired to achieve Healthy Schools status as a means of evidencing both its commitment and provision for improving the health and wellbeing of its whole community.

[Thongsley Field's journey](#)

[Healthy Schools Audit](#)



Working In Partnership To Support Food Smart Award

School Plates is [ProVeg UK](#)'s flagship programme to help school meals to become healthier and more sustainable.

As part of Healthy Schools Cambridge and Peterborough, Pro Veg is partnering with Food Smart to offer **FREE** support to schools to improve the variety and quality of food provision and to work with caterers to review menus as a means to increasing the availability of plant- based and more sustainable food

Pro Veg encourages easy-to-implement changes and will work with schools at their own pace and for as long as needed. The School Plates offer includes:

- Menu review and advice to increase the uptake of existing vegetarian options.
- New meal suggestions & new recipes (all nutritionally balanced & delicious).
- Help to introduce meat-free days, as well as educational planet-themed days.
- Bespoke webinars to explain the principles of School Plates and how to apply them.
- In-person plant-based cooking training for groups of caterers & development chefs.
- Help to analyse the environmental impact of your menu changes, including climate emissions savings.

This offer will support schools undertaking their Food Smart Accreditation, specifically linking to the Catering Provision criteria.

To get involved in Food Smart, or to find out how this can support your current Food Smart Accreditation, contact: education@pect.org.uk

HAF - Food Smart Resources

The government's Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) is being expanded across

the country to cover summer and the Christmas holidays in 2021. A fund has been made available to local authorities to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Following the success of Food Smart and its high quality resources, we are pleased to announce that we are working in partnership with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough providers to offer targeted and hands on activities as part of the provision. We have produced 6 different themed activities (1 for each week of the summer), this includes -

- Eat The Rainbow
- Senses Of Food
- Portions & Potions
- You Are What You Eat
- Grow Your Own
- Lunch Box, Swap Box

Each week has a free downloadable provider activity card, a family cook-a-long or grow-a-long video, accompanying recipe cards and a home learning activity.

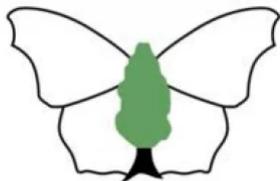


Resources

Over the last year, we have shared many new and updated resources which we have found to support you in delivering sustainable, environmental and outdoor learning. As we approach the end of the academic year, here are just a few more to add to your resource bank.



If you are interested in keeping honey bees on site, then The British Beekeepers Association have a project page filled with useful information and risk assessments.



**Butterfly
Conservation**

Sharing knowledge and enthusiasm for butterflies and moths to inspire a new generation of naturalists, volunteers and conservationists



Free resources for teaching young people aged 3-16 years about where food comes from, cooking and healthy eating.



A child-led educational initiative to help schools eliminate single use plastics.

Education Recovery area which is full of



evidence-based training, interventions, programmes and resources to help you and your school.



Get involved in reducing rubbish by reusing, repairing and recycling things. Try some of these ideas to get you started.



This groundbreaking programme equips and empowers young activists with the tools to create positive, lasting environmental change.



Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

June 27th - Open Farm Sunday

June 28th - July 2nd - Children's Art Week

July - Plastic Free Month

July 16th - 8th August - Big Butterfly Count

July 23rd - August 1st - Love Parks Week

July 24th - August 8th - National Marine Week

July 28th - World Nature Conservation Day

August 1st - World Friendship Day



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