

Norfolk Schools Environment Awards 2005-06

A celebration of creative sustainable development process and practice



Norfolk County Council's Biennial Schools Environment Awards recognises projects that harness the creative energies of our young people to bring about environmental benefits.



"At Notre Dame we attempt to think globally but act locally. We are committed to making pupils aware of the many challenging environmental problems facing the world, but also to try to involve them, actively, in the solutions. In this way we hope to give our students a positive outlook and a sense they can affect global issues by the way they think and behave."

Jonathan Hooton,
Geography teacher,
Notre Dame School, Norwich -
Overall winner 2003

Things to think about...

Can you show how your pupils have used critical and imaginative thinking to support sustainable development?

Perhaps pupils have used art to inspire environmental action and developed their visual literacy? Perhaps they have developed their social/citizenship skills through working on community projects (e.g. converted local derelict land to a wildlife zone) or have been inspired to take sustainability ideas and activities home with them?

We are keen to hear about the process as well as the end result and to celebrate ideas as well as action.



Award Categories

There are six categories plus an overall winner and you could win up to £1,000 for your school.

Energy/Water - A brighter future

You may be using hands-on work in science lessons to find out how to consume less energy or water. If so, what savings are you making? Perhaps your school has carried out a water or energy audit or switched to a renewable energy source? Are you aware of the CRed (Carbon Reduction) 60 percent challenge or do you meet the Kyoto target to reduce emissions? Have you worked with Norfolk Schools' Energy Club?

Food/Health - Natural refreshment

Does your school nourish a creative approach to well being? Perhaps your pupils feel good on '5-a-day' – you may grow fruit and vegetables at school? You might run a playground market or healthy eating tuckshop or have introduced a waste-free lunch day. Do pupils get the opportunity to make the most of outdoor learning? Do they walk or cycle to school? Perhaps the school uses environmentally-friendly cleaning products?





Transport **- Zero emissions**

Have you looked at how pupils travel to school and considered solutions to the school run? What alternative ways have you come up with so far? Perhaps you have a school travel plan or a walking or cycling bus? Are pupils aware of how to be safe on the roads? Maybe the school bus runs on biofuel!

Global/Community **Citizenship**

- Whose reality?

Perhaps your pupils have considered how other people in the world live - how they eat, dress, travel to work or school, and how their way of life compares to ours? You may have forged links with schools in other countries or undertaken project work that links with your local community. Can pupils participate in the democratic process by taking environmental issues to the school council? They may run a Fair Trade tuckshop in the lunch break or be influencing kitchen staff to purchase local produce?

Waste-line

Is your whole school involved in waste reduction? You may have worked with the Schools' Waste Action Club. Perhaps you have been innovative in generating less waste or found new uses for materials – have your pupils turned “trash into cash”? Perhaps you are creative with the three Rs (Reduce, Re-use and Recycle), have switched to recycled paper, stopped “junk” mail, or undertaken project work on packaging?

Grounds

- The final frontier

Does your school have a vision of how to use its grounds? Perhaps you are developing a wildlife garden, pond or growing fruit and vegetables? You may have areas for sport, for theatre, for fun and games or a sensory/quiet area. Do your pupils enjoy using these outdoor spaces for play and learning? You may have linked to areas of local natural heritage or even thought of school grounds as part of a ‘wildlife corridor’.

You don’t have to start a new project! You could win a prize for ongoing good practice or work in progress.

What your school can win:
overall winner - £1,000
category winners - £500
grounds and waste categories - two prizes of £500, for primary and secondary school winners.

It’s not just about the prize

Your environmental work could

- encourage the school to come together as a whole community
- offer fresh ways of doing curriculum work
- encourage creativity and thinking skills
- promote school democracy
- develop links with schools abroad

See previous winners' work or gain hands-on support for your developing work at:

www.norfolkesinet.org.uk/envedu

How to enter:

- 1 For an entry form or support with your project call Joy Lambert on 01553 774023 or visit the environmental education website: www.norfolkesinet.org.uk/envedu
- 2 Submit your completed entry form by 31 July 2005 - with any supporting work, including photos, video footage or examples of students' work. All support documentation will be returned to you.

Please mark your entry for the attention of **Sue Falch-Lovesey, Head of Environmental Education Service** and send to:

**West Norfolk Professional Development Centre
Kilham's Way
KING'S LYNN
Norfolk
PE30 2HU**

Projects will be visited in autumn 2005 and the Awards Ceremony will be held in early 2006 at Eco Tech in Swaffham



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Best energy/water project - £500

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*Best global/community project -
£500*



Best food/health project - £500

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Overall winner - £1000



Best waste project (Primary) - £500



Best waste project (Secondary) - £500



Best grounds project (Primary) - £500



*Best grounds project (Secondary)
- £500*



*Best transport project - £250 and a
trip to Gressenhall with free transport*

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