

Eco-schools campaign – Edinburgh Schools Partnership



Background

The Edinburgh Schools Partnership launched, in September 2006, a joint environmental initiative with our service provider Amey to assist schools across the Edinburgh estate achieve 'Green Flag' Eco status.

The aims and objectives of the campaign are to:
Increase awareness of unnecessary energy usage on the estate and encourage users to reduce energy consumption

- Harness support for the campaign by assisting each school in achieving Environmental Green Flag Status
- Achieve success by creating an engaging environmental project to tie-in with the curriculum

The Campaign

To mark the launch, Solar One (www.solarone.org), a van equipped with solar energy equipment visited all ten Primary Schools and involved the pupils with fun, practical demonstrations of alternative energy sources.

Each School was visited by ESP/Amey and the purpose of the campaign, together with forthcoming events, including tree planting, Christmas card recycling and practical demonstrations with which the pupils can get involved, was explained to them. They were also presented with pupil pledge certificates and a similar certificate to be signed by the Head Teacher on behalf of the school. To demonstrate our commitment they also received, as a donation from ESP/Amey, an S Cube (www.solarwindapplications.com), a hands-on learning device that lets pupils learn about wind and solar power in a fun way.

Secondary School Campaign

The secondary school campaign, which is planned to launch in 2007, is currently in the development stages.

In the interim, they have been given their own energy usage graphs, water hippos for conserving water and received trees for planting during Tree Planting week.

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