

Hello from the Eco-Schools Scotland team and welcome to the second bulletin for 2010...

**Another  
special  
edition!**

## Time to celebrate!

In February, we published the first of our bulletins outlining the special activities we're organising this year as part of our 1,000th Green Flag celebrations.

That bulletin contained details of [Activity #1: Beauty and the Beastie](#), and we'd now like to tell you about the next activity that we're offering to all of our registered schools.

Read on to find out more...

## 2010 at a glance...

A quick overview of what we're planning by way of celebration, and the key events coming up. Read on to find out more...

- Activity #1: Beauty and the Beastie: Scotland from Flow to Forest - Celebrating Scotland's Biodiversity.
- Activity #2: Get involved in the Treeplanting Challenge!
- Activity #3: (for current Green Flag-awarded schools only) 'Leaves on a Tree'. Information on this has already been sent to the schools concerned.
- Award of the 1,000th Scottish Green Flag.
- 2010 International Eco-Schools Operators' Meeting.

## Celebration activity #2:

### 'The Tree-planting Challenge'

In this edition of the bulletin, we'd like to tell you about the **second** celebratory activity that we've planned for our schools.

We're very pleased to announce that we've joined forces with the [Woodland Trust Scotland](#) and the [Forestry Commission Scotland](#) to help Scottish schools get involved in improving their local environment...by planting trees! We're asking schools to start getting involved **now**, and to plant their trees at the end of this year.



#### Why plant trees?

Planting trees is one of the many ways in which to enhance and improve your local area. It's easy to do, and suitable for all ages. Trees offer a huge number of environmental and health benefits, and you can read more about these on the [Woodland Trust Scotland's website](#).

#### More about the Tree-planting Challenge...

The Tree-planting Challenge has two parts:

- Part One :** - Schools across Scotland signing up for FREE trees.
- Part Two:** - Schools across Scotland taking part in their own treeplanting events from November 2010 - April 30th 2011.
  - A 'launch' event at the Great Trossachs Forest at Loch Katrine in December 2010, which will involve schools from the local area and from North Glasgow, helping to plant trees.

#### How do schools take part?

The Woodland Trust Scotland is offering schools the chance to sign up for a FREE tree pack of 30 hedge and copse plants, which will be delivered to schools in November 2010.

These packs are sponsored by the [Sainsbury's Active Kids programme](#), and will be available to schools who collect the Active Kids vouchers between now and **Tuesday 8th June**. When schools place their orders for their Active Kids equipment, they will be offered a FREE hedge and copse pack. So [register your school](#) and start collecting your vouchers now! Please note that all orders must be placed by **Wednesday 21st July** at the latest.

Don't have a Sainsbury's near you? Don't worry - the Woodland Trust have told us that the tree packs they'll be offering in Spring 2011 will be available directly from them, and will, again, be FREE to schools. We'll be keeping the Tree-planting Challenge running until late Spring next year to allow all of our schools the chance to participate.

If you'd like to put your school's name down for a Spring 2011 pack, just get in touch with the [Woodland Trust](#) and let them know.

## Additional help and advice...

Not sure about how to plant trees? Nowhere in your school grounds to plant them?

Don't worry - there are loads of organisations who can help you, and lots of sources of advice.

Here are just a few—click on the logos to view the information:

### Advice on planting trees...



### Teaching resources...



### Nowhere to plant trees in your grounds?

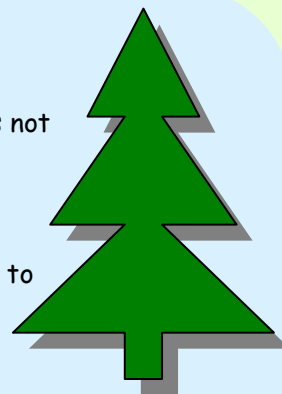
Contact your [local countryside ranger service](#) for help. They will be able to put you in touch with other local organisations who can assist you.

## The Tree-O-Meter

Monitoring and Evaluation is a key part of the Eco-Schools programme, but it's not every day that the Eco-Schools Scotland Team gets to monitor and evaluate something across the whole of Scotland!

We're currently working with our IT contacts here at Keep Scotland Beautiful to develop an online 'Tree-O-Meter', which will display details of just how many trees our schools have planted. This will be available on the [Eco-Schools Scotland website](#).

We'll be asking our schools to send us an [email](#), letting us know the total number of trees they've planted, and we'll add these to the 'Tree-O-Meter' as they come in. This will ensure that everyone can see just how well Scottish schools are doing!



## Other news - April 2010

**Biodiversity is life!** It's Scottish Biodiversity Week in May-time to do your bit for nature! [Find out more...](#)

**Get the most from your compost** Compost Awareness Week is here from 3rd - 9th May [Find out more...](#)

**More training available** Eco-Schools Scotland's Autumn 2010 training diary is filling up... [Find out more...](#)

Remember to log on to [www.ecoschoolsscotland.org](http://www.ecoschoolsscotland.org) for all the latest news and information.



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