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SCoRE News

The SCoRE Programme, aimed at bringing sustainability into schools, has just completed its first year of action

60 schools have now finished SCoRE and are not only celebrating their achievements but also continuing their hard work by taking steps towards making long-term changes. SCoRE has been very successful to date; schools are seeing on average a **10 - 15%** decrease in energy usage and CO₂ emissions across a full term. This is attributable to simple behavioural change actions identified and implemented by their very own pupils. Specially trained Lincolnshire Carbon Ambassadors (LCAs) at each school have been raising awareness about energy saving and have been involved with activities such as running competitions to see which class can leave the least number of lights and appliances on stand-by each week.

Case Study: Marton Primary School

A HUGE WELL DONE to Marton Primary School, near Gainsborough. They managed to reduce their electricity consumption by a whopping **50%** across Spring Term 2013. The LCAs at Marton got involved in lots of fantastic activities to help their school to be more sustainable. This included checking for furniture blocking the heaters, restricting iPad charging overnight and hosting their own Energy Saving Roadshow to get the whole school engaged in exciting games centred around energy reduction. As a result, Marton were the overall winners of the 'biggest percentage reduction' prize.

Ben Stephenson,
Headteacher at Marton
Primary School, had
this to say:

"Key to our success at energy saving was the commitment of the pupils, particularly the Carbon Ambassadors and the commitment of the staff to make changes. Not just during action week, but long term."



Cllr Brailsford and Jonathan Parkin present Marton's LCAs with certificates

The energy reduction long term has included many factors. They include: changing our lighting to LED; using mobile devices which only require charging rather than desktop PCs; monitoring use of IWBs and projectors"

First Celebration Events

After a term of hard work and energy saving, our first schools attended Celebration Events - held at Hemswell ECO Plastics, Whisby Nature Reserve and The Princess Royal Sports Arena (Boston). These events are to celebrate the achievements of the schools; find out exactly how much energy has been saved and review and update their Action Plans. Pupils also discuss what it takes to be an LCA, ready to recruit their replacements for the following year. A popular part of the day involves building and decorating solar powered cars and racing them! At the end of the events, all the LCAs and schools were presented with certificates and badges by Councillor Brailsford, who kindly attended.



New Team Member!

We would like to welcome Emily as the newest member of the team, who will be working with schools from September. Emily Neville is taking over from Frankie Bowen as SCoRE Project Officer. We would like to thank Frankie for all her effort over the last year in getting SCoRE up and running and to wish her the very best of luck for the future in her new job.

Boiler Room Improvements

As part of the SCoRE Programme, schools receive free boiler load optimisation technology and flange and valve insulation for boiler rooms. The tenders for these improvements have arrived which means schools will soon be able to have these energy saving measures installed and begin to see further reductions in energy consumption.

The SCoRE Team are always ready to recruit the next set of schools onto the SCORE Programme. If you would like your school to be involved, we would love to hear from you! Please send an email to score@lincolnshire.gov.uk and we will get back to you.