

SCoRE News



Schools Collaboration on
Resource Efficiency

Get to Grips with your Heating!

Welcome back! Although schools have just returned from the summer holidays and winter seems like a long way off, the heating season is fast approaching. Heating in schools is typically switched on after October half-term so now is a great time to check your boiler controls and make sure your heating system is set to run as efficiently as possible, before you switch it on. Encourage your LCAs to conduct a walk around with your caretaker to check for the following things:

- what are the thermostat settings in classrooms, corridors and the hall? Are they set to the correct temperature?
- is any furniture blocking heaters? Could it be relocated?
- are staff switching off fan assisted heaters over break and lunch?
- are windows being closed when the heating is on?
- is the heating conflicting with any air conditioning units?
- are pupils encouraged to wear a jumper before turning up the heating?

Action Week begins on Monday 17th November. Even if you have already achieved your SCoRE logo, getting involved with action week is a great way of making sure everyone is still thinking about energy saving

Lincolnshire Schools Power Down Challenge

Exciting news – on **Friday 21st November** will be the first **Lincolnshire Schools Power Down Challenge!** All schools in Lincolnshire will be invited to take part and as the county's ambassador schools for energy saving, it would be great to see you all involved. The event will coincide with Eco-schools Energy Month and SCoRE action week.

To complete the challenge you will need to take four meter readings – two the day before the challenge and two on the day itself and send these to the SCoRE team. We will calculate how much energy, money and carbon each school, and the county as a whole, has saved. The school that reduces their electricity consumption the most will win a bespoke session with Inspiring Outdoors, an education consultant specialising in outdoor education and sustainability.

Look out for an email over the coming weeks which will tell you how to register to receive your Power Down Pack with all the resources you will need. This will include tips for minimising your energy use and ideas for lessons with an energy theme.

On twitter? On the day of the challenge, The SCoRE team will be tweeting from around the county – search **#lincspowerdown**

SCoRE Wins an Award!

The SCoRE Programme has won a Green Apple Environment Award in the national campaign to find Britain's greenest companies, councils and communities. SCoRE competed against more than 500 other nominations in the Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice, and the team will be presented with their trophy and certificate at a presentation at the Houses of Parliament in November. The SCoRE team would like to thank all the schools who have been involved with the programme so far – we could not have won this award without you!

SCoRE helps pupils gain knowledge

Energy is an exciting topic that can develop students' skills in many curriculum areas, as well as allowing them to practically apply STEM subjects. At the start of training and celebration events we ask pupils to complete a quiz; this allows us to see how pupils knowledge develops through participating in the SCoRE programme. The results clearly demonstrate that being involved with SCoRE allows pupils to gain new knowledge.

After completing the SCoRE programme, 68% of pupils knew what the temperature of a classroom should be, compared to just 17% before.

Before training, 12% of pupils knew that electricity is measured in Watts. After being involved with SCoRE, 76% of pupils knew.

Before participating in SCoRE, 15% of pupils could explain what the Greenhouse Effect is. After completing the programme, 71% of pupils could.

Want your school to be involved?

If you would like your school to be involved in SCoRE, we would love to hear from you! Please send an email to score@lincolnshire.gov.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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