



## School Waste Action Club (SWAC) Update

Nottinghamshire SWAC has now worked with 169 Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Nottinghamshire helping them to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste.

### New SWAC Schools

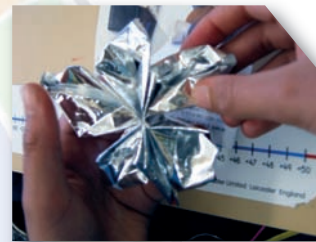
Congratulations to the following schools who worked hard with SWAC last term to tackle the issue of waste minimisation.

- **Redlands Primary School** Bassetlaw DC
- **Beeston Fields Primary School** Broxtowe BC
- **Awsorth Primary School** Broxtowe BC
- **Rylands Junior School** Broxtowe BC
- **Lynncroft Primary School** Broxtowe BC
- **Wadsworth Fields Primary School** Broxtowe BC
- **Farmilo Primary School** Mansfield DC
- **Wynndale Primary School** Mansfield DC
- **Chuter Ede Primary School** Newark & Sherwood DC
- **Bowbridge Primary School** Newark & Sherwood DC
- **Jesse Gray Primary School** Rushcliffe BC
- **Gotham Primary School** Rushcliffe BC

### The 3Rs at Christmas

To keep the message of reduce, reuse and recycle going the whole year round, the SWAC officers delivered free one-off sessions to show children how to make decorations by reusing empty crisp packets and juice cartons. The following schools took part:

- **Annie Holgate Junior School** Ashfield DC
- **Kingsway Primary School** Ashfield DC
- **Carlton Central Infants** Gedling BC
- **Priory Junior School** Gedling BC
- **Hetts Lane Infant School** Mansfield DC
- **Sherwood Junior School** Mansfield DC
- **John Blow Primary School** Newark & Sherwood DC
- **Orston Primary School** Rushcliffe BC



## Did you know...

Recycling one tonne of paper can save 17 trees!

To the  
Environmental  
Coordinator



## Competition time

This year's SWAC competition focus is The Drinks Carton Challenge. Drinks cartons like Tetra-paks used for milk or juices are still quite difficult to recycle and can only be collected at certain venues. The challenge for pupils is to find a creative way to reuse them instead. Entries (limited to a maximum of 3 per school) can be in the form of photos of finished products or designs on a single A4 piece of paper with the name and age of the pupil clearly marked. Please send completed entries to Trent Bridge House, Waste Management, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 6BJ. The closing date for entries is Friday 27th March 2009 and winners will be notified by Friday 24th April 2009. Judges will choose a winner and a runner up in a KS1 and KS2 category and prizes include environmentally themed books and cash awards for the winning schools.



## Compost awareness week

The SWAC officers will be running a week of one-off composting sessions to coincide with National Compost Awareness this year (5th – 8th May 2009) following the success of the initiative in 2008. The SWAC officers can offer trouble shooting advice to staff or pupils in charge of managing school composting or can deliver activities to a class or group of children. Choose from making mini compost bottles (suitable for Key Stage 2 classes) or learn all about how wonderful worms are the world's best recyclers (suitable for Key Stage 1 classes). If you are interested please fill in and return the reply slip.

## Forthcoming events

### A new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Mansfield

The new MRF is due to open in early 2009. It will receive, screen, sort and bundle all of Nottinghamshire's recyclables before sending them on to the companies for reprocessing. The MRF will also feature an Education Centre which will be available for school visits later in the year. Further details to follow.

## If you want to find out more

**SWAC Webpage:** To find out all about the activities delivered by Nottinghamshire County Council School Waste Action Club visit the new webpage: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)  
==> Environment – Recycling – Schemes - SWAC

**Help and Support:** Alice Stechly & Lydia Powles - School Waste Action Club Education Officers.  
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## SWAC Reply Slip - Spring Newsletter 2009

Contact name:  School name:

School address:

Phone:  E-mail:

- Please send me some more information about Nottinghamshire County Council's free Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) programme.
- We have had the SWAC programme but need some help implementing our action plan.
- We are interested in booking a one off session to coincide with National Compost Awareness Week 2009
- We have had the SWAC programme and would be interested in running the project again in the future.

**Please note:** Nottinghamshire SWAC does have a waiting list but if your school is interested please return this reply slip.