



# SWAC News

School Waste Action Club



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## School Waste Action Club (SWAC) Update

Nottinghamshire SWAC has now worked with 157 Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Nottinghamshire helping them to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste.

### About SWAC

Nottinghamshire County Council has been running the Schools Waste Action Club project successfully for a number of years and has now worked with over 160 primary, secondary and special schools in the region. The service, which is free to all state funded schools, aims to raise awareness of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste through presentations and activities. Examples of these are designing and making a wormery; exploring the environmental impact of drinks packaging and creating art work or products from recycled paper.

During the first part of this academic year, we were delighted to be invited back to work with the Year 7 classes at Colonel Frank Seely to deliver a series of composting sessions.



### SWAC schools

During the academic year 2007 – 2008 the SWAC Education officers worked with Colonel Frank Seely Comprehensive, during National Compost Week, to give pupils practical experience of making compost. The SWAC officers also worked with Southwell Minster eco team to undertake their waste audit. Southwell Minster has since gained Green Flag Eco-Schools status whilst Frank Seely is well on its way to achieving the award. The award celebrates the hard work in which schools have put in to create a more sustainable school environment.

### Compost awareness week

The SWAC officers will be running a week of one-off composting sessions to coincide 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 a gardening/eco group or can deliver activities to a class of pupils. If you are interested please fill in and return the reply slip.

## Did you know...

Recycling one tonne of paper can save 17 trees!

To the  
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**The Schools Waste Action Club** Education Officers worked in partnership with County Youth Arts over the summer break and during the Autumn term 2008 on their 'Wasted' film project.

The SWAC officers delivered informative and interactive sessions to volunteer and E2E groups of young people from Ashfield and Newark & Sherwood to support them in their research of what happens to waste and the local and global issues associated with different disposal methods.



**MOMO theatre company** is visiting Nottingham during the week beginning 20th April 2009 to deliver their amazing recycling shows. The performances, which last approximately 45 minutes, use a sophisticated blend of slapstick humour and real facts to communicate some serious messages.

Nottinghamshire County Council is proud to announce that the production will be offered free of charge to seven interested secondary schools in the region and would be suitable for up to 250 year 7 or year 8 students. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity, please fill in the reply slip at the end of this newsletter and return it by Friday 13th February 2009. Slips will be entered into a draw and the lucky winners will be notified by the end of February.

"I have worked in environmental promotions for 12 years and this is the best show that I have seen."  
- **Bedford Borough Council**

"In 25 years of Headship I have never seen anything that was so funny and yet so clever in getting such an important message across."  
- **Jenny Evans, Headteacher, The Havers School, East Hertfordshire**



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

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**Contact name:**  **School name:**

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- We would like some more information about Nottinghamshire County Council's free Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) secondary programme of activities.
- We would be interested in booking a 'one-off' SWAC session e.g. to support work in a curriculum area or an environmentally themed enrichment day etc.
- We would like the opportunity to have a free visit from the MOMO theatre company.
- We would be interested in booking a session during National Compost Awareness Week.

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