



SWAC

News

School Waste Action Club



2009 - 2010

School Waste Action Club (SWAC) Update

Nottinghamshire SWAC has now worked with over 160 Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Nottinghamshire helping them to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste.

About SWAC

Nottinghamshire County Council has two designated Education Officers who deliver presentations and hands-on curriculum based activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling waste. This service, offered free to schools in the Nottinghamshire area, has been running for a number of years and has now successfully worked with over 160 primary, secondary and special schools in the region.

MOMO theatre

In April 2009, Oxfordshire touring theatre company, MOMO visited Nottinghamshire to deliver their amazing recycling shows at the following schools:

- Rushcliffe Comprehensive
- Joseph Whitaker Comprehensive
- Samworth Church Academy
- Portland Comprehensive
- Selston Arts & Community College
- Bramcote Hills Comprehensive
- Gedling Comprehensive
- Carlton-Le-Willows Comprehensive.

The performance communicated the importance of reusing and recycling rubbish by using a sophisticated blend of slapstick humour and real facts.

"The whole performance was absolutely fantastic! The pupils' response was brilliant! In all my years of teaching ... I have never witnessed so many hands go up to volunteer to get up on stage and get involved! The pupils were still buzzing about the event 2 days later and many have said it's the best thing they have ever seen in school!"



(Samworth Church Academy School, May, 2009).

The exciting news is that Nottinghamshire County Council is bringing the performance back to the county for the week beginning 1st March 2010. The production will be offered **free of charge** and would be suitable for up to 250 year 7 or year 8 students. For a chance to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, complete the reply slip and send it back by **15th January 2010**. Slips will be entered into a draw and the lucky winners will be notified by the end of January.

Did you know...

Recycling aluminium takes only 5% of the energy needed to make it from the raw material bauxite!



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SWAC schools

During the academic year 2008 – 2009 the SWAC Education officers worked with year 7 pupils at Gedling Comprehensive during National Compost Week to deliver an activity called 'What's wrong with my compost?' After learning about how some food waste can be recycled, pupils undertook simple scientific tests on samples of compost provided by 'Gardener's Question Hour' listeners, to discover the problem and to offer troubleshooting advice.



The SWAC officers also worked with year 7 pupils at Carlton-le-Willows Comprehensive in Gedling to support their Environmental day and delivered an activity called 'Making a wormery'. Pupils learned about how worms recycle food waste and how a wormery is designed to be an appropriate habitat.

They then worked in small groups to make a temporary wormery from waste materials and evaluated it against criteria.



The SWAC officers delivered an assembly at Chilwell Comprehensive to support their PSHE work, gave a presentation to year 10 students at Harry Carlton working on their ASDAN award and also supported a waste audit at Samworth Church Academy in Mansfield. They are looking forward to working with pupils at:

- Selston Arts & Community College
 - Garibaldi Comprehensive
 - Southwell Minster Comprehensive
 - Serlby Park
- over the next few months.

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/swac
==> Environment – Recycling – Schemes - SWAC

Help and Support: Alice Stechly & Lydia Powles - School Waste Action Club Education Officers.
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Eco-Schools programme: For help and advice for the eco-school programme contact:
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SWAC Reply Slip - 2009 - 2010

Contact name: School name:

School address:

Phone: E-mail:

- We would like to meet with a SWAC officer to discuss/extend/improve our recycling system.
- We would like to book an assembly presentation for Year 7 pupils.
- We would like to book a curriculum activity/a series of curriculum activities.
- We would like the opportunity to have a free performance from the MOMO theatre company.

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