



# SEED

Supporting Environmental Education in Dacorum

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## International Compost Awareness Week

**Has your school claimed your two free compost bins?**

The theme of this year's International Compost Awareness Week is 'Recipe for Regeneration: Compost'. The aim is to raise awareness of the crucial role recycling our garden waste plays by creating compost, which when added to soil results in a recipe that makes our food more nutritious, the air we breathe cleaner and our climate healthier overall.

Each school in the borough is entitled to claim two free compost bins. These composters are a fantastic educational tool linking to the science curriculum and to the Eco-Schools award scheme.

For more information about claiming school composters, please email [wasteaware@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteaware@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

On Sunday 15 May Dacorum Borough Council are hosting a Compost Giveaway at Cupid Green Depot from 8.30am - 11.30am. The compost will be pre-bagged and given out on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a great opportunity to get some compost for your school garden!

[More Information about School Recycling](#)



## Walk to School Week: 17-21 May 2022

### Encourage your pupils to travel sustainably to school

This five-day walking (or cycling or skating!) challenge is important to encourage children to understand the physical and environmental benefits of walking to school.

Are your pupils ready to #PowerUp? This year, Living Streets have designed video-game inspired packs to engage pupils in the challenge. Each day will see a level unlocked and a new mission to complete, through which pupils will discover the incredible benefits of walking for individuals, communities and the planet.

Inside each pack you'll find:

- Teacher guidance and parent information
- One double-sided classroom wallchart / pledge poster
- Daily stickers for pupils
- 30 pupil activity diaries

- 30 end of week pupil rewards

Buy your own Walk to School Week pack



## Recycle with Michael

### **An opportunity to raise money for your school**

Recycle with Michael is a textile recycling scheme run by the Salvation Army that can raise money for your school and for charity whilst raising awareness about recycling.

When you sign up to Recycle with Michael, there is no big commitment or contract to sign – it is up to you how little or often you want to make a donation.

When you organise a donation day, the Salvation Army will send you collection bags for pupils to fill with their unwanted clothing and shoes and bring back to school. They also provide downloadable support materials, including posters. One of the authorised collectors will then pick up the donations.

Find out more about Michael

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## The Big Battery Hunt

**11 million batteries recycled (and counting!)**

The Big Battery Hunt is a nationwide battery recycling programme for schools, funded by Duracell. The programme challenges pupils across the country to energise their schools and communities, uniting together to collect and recycle as many batteries as they can.

You can [register](#) your school and download free learning resources, including lesson plans, activity sheets, delivery slides and homework packs, helping to embed the Big Battery Hunt programme across a variety of curriculum topics.

These activities can be used as evidence on your Eco-Schools Green Flag application.

[Get hunting!](#)



## Litter Picks

**Encourage your pupils and colleagues to become litter heroes!**

Would you like to organise a litter-picking event for your school? We can support your school litter picks by lending out litter-picking sticks and provide refuse and recycling bags for your event. We can also arrange for your bags of litter to be collected after the event. If you are interested in organising a litter-pick, get in touch with us using the link below.

Alternatively, you can encourage your pupils and their families to become Dacorum Street Champions which involves receiving your own litter-picking equipment (litter picking stick, high visibility vest, gloves and bags) to keep. You can find out more about this scheme [here](#).

[Email to request equipment](#)



## Toy and Book Exchange

**Would you like to organise your own toy exchange?**

Running a toy and book exchange in your school is a fantastic way to promote and educate your students about reuse. Our Toy and Book Exchange advice sheet has all the information you will need to run an event in your school.

This is a great activity to have alongside a School Fete!

[Download our Toy Exchange guide](#)

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# Share your eco-work with us!

We would love to see the eco-work you are doing in your schools. Whether this is a recycled craft competition, tree planting, food waste lesson...please share your progress to inspire other schools in the next edition of the SEED.

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