

Waste Education Programme for Schools

Our schools programme is here to encourage pupils and staff to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** as much as possible. We can deliver a range of activities – workshops linked to the curriculum as well as assemblies and waste audits. Visits are **FREE** but must be booked in advance. Please email education@wrwa.gov.uk or telephone **020 88758885/9**.

Why not invite us in to be part of your Environment or Science Week



Assemblies:

This is a great way to introduce the ideas of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to the whole school. The pupils get involved with actions and songs. *(20 minutes)*



EYFS/KS1 workshops:

Another Fine Mess - starts with a story about a fox and his rubbish. Children will learn why looking after their waste matters. They will also make their own reused musical instrument to shake along to our recycling song. *(1 hour)*



Michael Recycle – starts with a story about a green superhero. Children will learn how we all play a part in reducing our waste. They will also make their own superhero using a template and recycled fabric and materials. *(1 hour)*



KS1/KS2 workshops:

Paper recycling - find out why it is important to recycle paper and have a go at doing it yourself! We will bring everything to make a 'paper factory' apart from the old paper. Each child will have their own piece of recycled paper to take away at the end. *(1 hour)*



Recycle Races (upper KS2) - what happens to the things we put in the bin? Children will explore the journey of the things we throw away and find out about the impacts our waste has on the environment. Finishing off with a recycle race to see which team are the waste sorting champions.



Closing the loop (upper KS2) - introducing the Circular Economy. In this interactive workshop, children will act out and discover for themselves what's wrong with our linear economy (make, use, discard) and see for themselves how recycling closes the loop (make, use, reuse/repair/recycle). *(1 hour)*

What people say about our workshops: *"The teachers were very impressed and said it was pitched perfectly for the children. The children were very excited about their superheroes and could not stop talking about the 3 r's".*



Waste audits:

Find out how well your school is recycling and develop your own action plan to improve! We can run waste audits with a class or eco group to really see what's being thrown away and how much waste and money you could save as a school. We provide the equipment, the initial analysis of results, and advice to help you embed improvements.

(This activity takes a morning, plus an hour follow up session for action planning)



Food waste audits:

Food waste is a big problem in schools. Our food waste audit toolkit will help you get to the bottom of the issue and find ways to stop wasting food and money. We can provide equipment and help to find out why food is being wasted and work with you to find ways to reduce it.

(This activity needs to be run over a few days in school – we can visit to help you get started)



Visits to us:

Come and see what happens to your waste and recycling at our Smugglers Way recycling facility in Wandsworth. We run daily class trips for up to 30 children at a time.



Watch our amazing machines sorting out your recycling, as well as our huge cranes lifting containers of rubbish onto barges on the Thames. Meet our worms and find out about how you can reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. Children can even make their own recycled paper or instruments.

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“The children said it was the smelliest trip but the best - high praise indeed.”

“Really awoke an interest in saving the world”

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All our visits to schools and to our site are **FREE OF CHARGE** to schools in the boroughs of Lambeth, Wandsworth, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham.

To find out more or to book visits to or from us, please email education@wrwa.gov.uk or call **020 88758885/9** or visit wrwa.gov.uk/schools.