

Activities Across Cumbria

CDEC Introducing Forest Schools

Forest Schools is a new way of teaching and learning outdoors which is taking the country by storm. *You don't need a forest!* With a little imagination Forest Schools activities can take place in school grounds, in parks or even on the beach. This is great news for ALL schools in Cumbria and CDEC are here to help you discover how Forest Schools can provide exciting new tools for children of all ages to experience and learn about our world firsthand.

Through a series of full day 'taster-courses' and twilight sessions, we are helping teachers and teaching staff discover and develop a new toolkit full of exciting and inspirational ideas to help children become excited about and a little more critically aware of the world they live in.

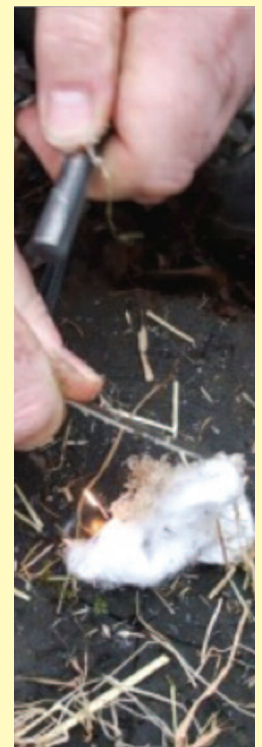
"Great fun and loads of ideas – I'm excited!"
This is how one teacher shared her delight in a CDEC Forest Schools 'taster-course'.

Looking to the Future

Not only do we believe that the Forest Schools concept has a key part to play in reintroducing outdoor activities to all schools, we also believe that given the right tools the Forest Schools experience can be used to add a global dimension and support learning to live in a fair and sustainable world.

Don't let your children miss out! If you are new to the idea of Forest Schools then book onto one of our forthcoming 'taster-courses'. If you are already running a Forest School programme consider a skills development session to expand your repertoire of activities and keep your sessions fresh, exciting and in tune with our world. Arts, crafts, making musical instruments, campfires and cooking are just some of the activities we can offer.

Contact us for more details and to discuss your needs.



Fairtrade Schools Project 2011

CDEC have been busy working on their Fairtrade Funded Project, which includes 22 schools from across Cumbria.

This has included whole school training to engage a team of staff in supporting the school in gaining the FT award, a whole school assembly led by Joe Human from the Cumbria Fairtrade Network and focus group meetings with other schools who achieved the status.

In June Joseph Kibuta, a Fairtrade Producer from Panda Flowers in Kenya visited Cumbria for just over 24 hours. In this time he visited the Keswick FT committee, Lazonby School, Armathwaite School, a focus group meeting of 5 schools at Mayfield School and joined the celebrations at St Margaret Mary's School - the first school in the Carlisle area to achieve FT status. Article below from Danielle, an Eco warrior at the school.



Joseph Kibuta & pupils from St Margaret Mary's School, Carlisle

The Environment and me

by Danielle Hayhow – Eco Warriors

My school is the first in Carlisle to achieve Fairtrade status. This article is all about our story and what we are doing to accompany this achievement.

I am in year 6, I am the latest joined year 6 Eco-Warrior. In about 2008/9 my school made a club called the Eco-Warriors. We are a club that values the fairness of Fairtrade. The leader of the Eco-Warriors is Mrs. Watson. She had to sign us up onto the Fairtrade website and then each time we did a new piece of work she would send it into the website. Each time we had a meeting she would appoint an Eco-Warrior to write down the minutes and

who was present, then type them up and print them out. These would be scanned then sent in. We also held a Fairtrade tuck shop every month and are still carrying it on.

For St. Margaret Mary's School to be the first school in Carlisle to achieve Fairtrade status was a great affair and so was achieving Eco Schools bronze status. We haven't stopped though. We are currently running a new club called Environment Club. This club is all about John Muir, who enthused about the environment. This club also looks after the school garden. Lastly, I would just like to mention Joseph, who is a farmer that uses Fairtrade and values it. He grows roses and kindly gave my school an assembly on his work.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Outdoor and enquiry based learning with Ambleside Primary School

CDEC is working in partnership with Ambleside Primary School, providing a programme of support to the whole school which combines weekly philosophical enquiry sessions for every class plus an outdoor session for each class too. In this way we are helping the school to bring together enquiry-based learning and forest school skills, and to link this with the rest of the curriculum. Children in Upper KS2 have been wondering about change in the locality, from the changing landscape to litter and supermarkets, and in lower KS2 about what we really mean by good and bad (quite a puzzle!). KS1 has considered hard work from the point of view of an apple tree (the roots, seeds, trunk, leaves and apples all working hard!) and are making great progress in building their enquiry skills.

Reception children are also taking part, finding big ideas in stories and thinking with Philosophy Bear. After half-term

the theme will shift to Cultures and Celebrations, and we hope that in the longer-term the children will have more fun and confidence in enquiring and puzzling about difficult questions, as part of their everyday school life.



WEBSITE CHALLENGE BY A 10-YEAR OLD!

Please have a look at this fantastic website www.alexanderspagesonanything.com which has been devised by a 10-year old boy in support of CDEC's fundraising. If you are impressed by his efforts please do send him a message via the 'contact me' page on his website. And do consider requesting a page if you'd like to support his efforts and the work that CDEC does throughout Cumbria



Cumbria Local and Fair

Fair Dealing for a Sustainable Future:
the Case for Fairtrade and Local
4th November, Rheged, Penrith

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone with interests or involvement
in local farming, local food and wool
processing, local consumption,
sustainability and Fairtrade

Aims:

The conference will:

1. Examine existing good practice, in Cumbria and beyond, including Fairtrade, to determine ways in which more local farmers and more local food and wool processors can work together for a fairer deal and a more sustainable future, mindful of the challenges which farming faces post 2013
2. Consider the parallels, similarities and differences between the situation of small farmers in developing countries and farmers in Cumbria.
3. Generate ideas and make recommendations for action through workshops on seven topics.
For more information and how to apply:

www.cumbriafairtrade.org.uk

Sangam Project

Teachers of Early Years, KS1, KS2 and KS3 are invited to visit South India to:

Increase their first-hand experience of a different country and culture Enrich the global dimension within many curriculum subjects, particularly Geography, History/Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Art/Creativity; RE/PSED

The study visits focus on learning about issues of sustainable development and citizenship in the context of South Indian life and culture. This will involve explorations of rural and urban localities, cultural practices, and educational contexts within the rapidly developing area of Bangalore.

The activities of the study visits involve development of resources and information for enhancing the global dimension within wide a range of curriculum subjects. The visits include visits to schools to witness good practice, and to understand the shared challenges that teachers in India and in the UK both face.

For further information visit: www.sangamprojects.com

New resource available from CDEC

The Bigger Picture

Learn about the interactions between people and wildlife in a Lake District landscape and the impact human activity has on water quality. The learning aid is made of fabric and involves building up a picture using 20 or so smaller images to find the answers to a variety of questions from within the landscape. Comes with a guidance sheet and is a teacher-led activity. The resource was produced for us in the Bassenthwaite Reflections programme and is now being used as part of the Windermere Reflections programme.

If you are interested in using this resource please contact Claire claire@cdec.org.uk or phone **015394 31602**



Educating for a fair and sustainable world

Upcoming Events

Think Influence Change: A course that will make you **THINK** about how young people can **INFLUENCE** others to make positive **CHANGE**

16th November, West Coast venue tbc

This 2 hour twilight course for secondary teachers will explore an Award Winning Challenge Pack full of lesson plans and resources which make use of Thinking Skills, PLTS and promote active citizenship and a greater understanding of global issues.

Cost: £40

Thinking of Linking: step by step to a school link
22nd November, West Lakes Science & Technology Park, Whitehaven

This is a one day course to provide step by step guidance to establishing a global school link. It will consider motivations, expectations, the process and the possible outcomes of global school links. The day-long course is also supported by a course-book to take away

Cost: £110

What it means to be British – helping our pupils to shape the Big Society

24th November, 4pm – 6pm, venue tbc

The idea of Britishness has rarely been more topical. This twilight session will explore what "being British" means including a sense of identity, plus rights and responsibilities. For teachers of KS2 (adaptable for other stages).

Cost: £35

Exploring religious celebrations: Christmas and more!

1st December, 4pm – 6pm, venue tbc

Ideas to bring faiths alive and to help pupils explore meaning and significance - learning from as well as about religion. Specifically, exploring how best to use religious artefacts in the classroom.

Cost: £35

Not Just A One Off! Planning effectively for multi-cultural and enrichment activities

7th December, Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston

This one day course for primary teachers will help schools plan more effectively for multicultural work within their curriculum. An ideal course to help with the structure and planning of a multicultural or enrichment week, with plenty of ideas and resources to take away and put into place in the classroom!

Cost: £110

Philosophy for Children Level I

8th & 9th December, Durham Dales Centre, Stanhope

This course will give teachers the basic qualification in P4C - an approach to teaching & learning developed over the past 30 years.

Cost: £250

Looking Ahead...courses available from January 2012

Using RE resources in the classroom

The Global Teachers Award (accredited by Liverpool Hope University)

Fairtrade: a whole school approach

Thinking of Linking: step by step to a school link

Philosophy for Children level I training

Philosophy Rucksack

For further information on any of this courses please visit our website or contact Claire on **claire@cdec.org.uk** or **015394 31602**

To book a place on any of our courses or for more information, please contact our Ambleside office, or go to the events & CPD page of our website

If your school is interested in hosting a course please get in touch.