



Officer Update Report

Projects Committee 7th December 2021

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Hi all

I hope you all are keeping well.

I just wanted to make you aware of some changes that have been going on in Waste Education here in the Environment and Waste team at MK Council.

Waste Education has now been renamed as Environment and Waste Education, to embrace the broader range of topics now covered [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education)

#### In the community talks

We now offer new free talks for Primary (KS2) and Secondary (KS3/4) schools and local adult community groups, which now cover a range of environmental topics. There current ones include:

- Let's Recycle Right - covering what can be recycled in MK and what happens to it
- Plastic Ocean – impact of plastic pollution, also covers littering
- Small Actions, Big Impact - making every day sustainable choices
- Super Powers - looking at renewable energy and what happens to MK black bin bag waste

Further topics will be added in future, including STEM, A brief history of rubbish and more.

You may like to book for a talk at a Parish meeting or pass on this information to local groups in your area.

Visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-talks](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-talks) to find out more and book now for 2022.

#### Eco Warriors for 2022

The Eco Warrior scheme has also been overhauled for 2022 and made available for both Early Years/ KS1 and Secondary students, as well as the KS2 Primary school children who have been served in previous years. Each age group now has an age appropriate scheme designed to encourage children to recycle more, waste less and raise awareness of environmental issues, such as reducing single use plastics and not littering:

- EYFS / KS1 - Mini Eco Warrior seasonal challenge sheets for the younger children
- KS2 – Eco Warrior environmental activity booklet covering recycling, plastics in the ocean, renewal energy and sustainability. The booklets can also be used as stand-alone environmental activity booklets and also supports the new range of in-school Environment and Waste Education talks listed above.
- KS3 / 4 – Eco Citizen encourages Secondary school students to identify ways in which they can make their school be more eco-friendly, with support from the MKC E&W team.

Find out more at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ecowarriors](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ecowarriors) Please remind schools in your area about this free scheme.

### **Online educational resources**

The Schools Recycle webpage has been renamed as [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-resources](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-and-waste-education-resources) This webpage provides teachers and parents with lots of free eco resources, activities, crafts, displays, ideas and more, but may also be useful if you are holding local events for activity ideas for younger residents. Also just added Christmas crafts and activity sheets here too.

### **Local councils recycling resources webpage**

Don't forget your dedicated resources page at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/localcouncilsrecycle](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/localcouncilsrecycle) , where you will find posters to print off, articles for newsletters and social media posts, advice on litter picking and community skips and more!

Please think where you might be able to help promote the Environment and Waste Education talks, resources and Eco Warrior scheme in your local area.

Kind regards

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### **Committee is ASKED to NOTE the report**

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