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New Primary Lesson Plans

Looking for hands-on ways to teach energy in the SESE curriculum?

SEI have new lesson plans and accompanying free equipment available for primary schools.

Go to www.sei.ie/primarylessonplans where you can download and print "Food for thought", the first of a series of lesson plans aimed at helping you teach the topic of energy to your students. Throughout the school year (every 2 months) new lesson plans will be added to the website allowing you, the teacher, to introduce such topics as acid rain, insulation and renewable energy to your students in a hands-on and interesting way. For more information go to www.sei.ie/primarylessonplans or call 01 8082049



The first lesson plan – "Food for Thought" is attached to this email.

SEI in an effort to cut down on paper wastage and on postage costs is now providing this and many other resources online only. These pdf's will be simple to download if you have a high speed internet connection. If for any reason you have trouble downloading these resources please contact schools@sei.ie and we can email a copy of the pdf or print and post to you.

Guzzler Workshops - Now Nationwide

SEI are now offering the popular Guzzler workshops to schools outside Dublin. Guzzler workshops are suitable for senior infants to second class students in primary schools. If you are interested in booking a Guzzler workshop contact seiworkshops@globalactionplan.ie or 01 8625846 for availability in your area. Guzzler is a friendly alien who has recently arrived in Ireland and doesn't understand about the need for energy saving. Your class will need to demonstrate to Guzzler how to save energy in his daily life. Two expert science facilitators will guide the class through a series of activities using Guzzler's Big book on Energy and some fun props. Typically the workshop is 45 minutes long and it is free of charge for schools.



Guslaer as Gaeilge

Both Guzzler books - Guzzlers Big Book on Energy and Guzzler Investigates are now available in Irish to download online www.sei.ie/schools/ . Guzzler's Big Book on Energy is also available in hard copy.

[Leabhar Mór Ghuslaeir ar Fhuinneamh Fiosraíonn Guslaer faoi Chursai Fuinnimh-](#)



One Good Idea- Post Primary Project

The One Good Idea project is open to all second level students. The aim is to run a campaign to raise awareness of things that everybody can do to tackle climate change by using energy more efficiently and making changes in the way we live, work and travel. If we reduce our carbon footprint we can make a big difference to ourselves, our pockets, and the environment. The one good idea project gives students the opportunity to discuss and debate climate change and energy issues and use their many talents including art, music, drama and writing to bring the messages of the Power of One and Change campaigns to their own communities in innovative and engaging ways. For more information go to www.sei.ie/onegoodidea or onegoodidea@realevents.ie



Flick The Switch - EU Schools Project

As you read this, there are over 3 billion computers, TVs, DVD players, projectors, Play stations, Wiis, HiFis and countless other devices left on stand-by right across Europe! This is a scandalous amount of Europe's energy being wasted due to these unused lights and devices being left on needlessly in schools and households. You can change this! Do you want to know how?

FLICK THE SWITCH, a European wide energy saving campaign aimed at primary and secondary schools and households, offers a series of fun and educational activities whereby students, teachers and parents are able to take practical actions in helping their schools and homes save energy, money and help the environment!

FLICK THE SWITCH registered schools are offered access to a wide range of didactic resources on energy efficiency, educational and fun materials for students and have the opportunity to participate in the energy saving competitions!

To register your school, please visit the FLICK THE SWITCH Website at: www.flicktheswitch.eu Registration is simple and free! For any questions, please send us an email at: info@flicktheswitch.eu

Spooky savings at Halloween

Halloween is a perfect time of year to think about and practice ways of reducing energy use. What could be better than going lights free for a spooky ambiance?

If you are going out trick or treating or just telling scary stories at home try using a wind up torch. Make any costumes out of recycled materials; why not see examples on our website from last year for ideas.

Wearing a costume should keep you warm, but make sure you keep doors closed and windows drawn to keep in the heat too.

Google have an online haunted house full of energy-saving suggestions, calculating the corresponding amount of money and carbon emissions saved if followed.

<http://www.google.com/hauntedhouse08/>

Recycle More

As you know recycling is a great way to save energy. A new campaign to increase the amount of recycling we do in Ireland was launched for recycling week (Oct 12-19th) .You can learn to recycle even more effectively by looking at www.recyclomore.ie. The site has a special section for schools who want to improve their recycling rates.



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