

EDF Energy's Waste Week campaign is back 2014



Springfield House School is linking up with EDF Energy's the Pod to take part in this year's Waste Week during the month of March.

The school will be completing a range of activities to help encourage everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle. Waste Week is run by EDF Energy's environmental education programme, the Pod and aims to raise awareness in schools about the importance of reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

And this year the focus will be on one of the most widely talked about types of waste: plastics. There are new resources to explain the science of plastics, the problems caused by plastic waste, and which types can be recycled. All the activities are designed to not only get people to change the way they think about rubbish, but also to spark an early interest in science and engineering.

We are having an assembly on plastics waste and a competition to re launch our recycling campaign for yoghurt pots, pens, mobile phones, baby wipe packets and coffee pouches.

As part of the campaign, schools are being sent free Waste Week posters, stickers, certificates and instruction cards. At www.jointhepod.org schools can find lesson plans, games, and practical activities linked to the national curriculum as well as 'take it home' sheets so children can share what they have learnt about waste with their families.

Robyn Thorn, EDF Energy's Education Programme Manager said "Waste Week is a great Pod initiative that raises awareness of waste issues within schools and local communities. We hope it will spark year-round behaviour change and get everyone reducing, reusing and recycling."

To sign up to Waste Week and for more information on EDF Energy's the Pod, visit www.jointhepod.org and click on the Campaigns section.

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About the Pod:

The Pod, EDF Energy's environmental education programme, is a completely free resource (www.jointhepod.org) that aims to help educate children about a range of environmental topics as well as inspire them to choose Science and Engineering as a career choice. The Pod has practical activities, teaching materials, games and information – all linked to the national curriculum and provides resources and activities for 4-14 year olds.

Since its launch in 2008, the Pod has registered more than 17,500 schools and engaged in excess of 10 million school children. The Pod works closely with Eco-Schools to ensure Pod activities automatically count towards a school's application for Eco-Schools Bronze, Silver, and Green Flag accreditation. The programme also works closely with the Met Office and the British Science Association to design and deliver its content and resources.