

# The Henley Schools Environmental Science Competition

- This is an event to find the best environmental science projects undertaken by primary schools in the Henley area
- The Competition was instigated in 2003-4 by the Environmental Panel of the Henley Partnership, and has been run biennially since then.
- We now run it as an annual event to give more people a chance to take part.
- The last round was sponsored by Quintessa, the Veterinary Centre, Henley Town Council, and the Thamesfield Youth Association.
- This year we already have pledges from local firms: Quintessa, The Veterinary Centre and from Henley Town Council
- It is supported by the River & Rowing Museum
- It is organized by Henley in Transition

## Aims of Competition

- Our aim to stimulate in Primary School Children, an interest in science and the environment,
- We hope that this will lead to
  - Enhanced environmental and scientific awareness
  - Improved local environment and changed community behaviour

## Projects

- Projects should involve the local or general environment
- We look for evidence-based scientific method, encouraging positive environmental change.
- Engagement with the wider community is an important criterion in the assessment of projects. This can include other classes, relatives and the wider local community.
- A project may be done by an individual attending a local primary school, one or more classes of, or a group of students attending a local primary school, or jointly with an other school.
- A project may be linked with, or form part of, class work
- Topics may include Plastics, Air Quality, Climate Change, Food, Local Environment,
- The competition organizers can assist with project ideas and in finding sources of information, including expertise from local individuals, organisations and businesses. Please just ask.

## **Submissions**

Submissions could include a folder of project work, or a report, or may be in the form of a film presentation or narrative. We are happy to work with schools on the final outcomes of their projects.

## **Awards Ceremony**

The awards ceremony will be at the River & Rowing Museum

At 4 pm Wednesday 5th June 2019

## **Prizes**

The best project will be awarded the HSESC Trophy:



Also £600 in cash is being provided by various local sponsors. The prize money will be distributed to reflect the quality of entries. All schools entering will receive a portion of the cash. This is for schools to use to support Science & Environment Studies at their discretion.

## **Provisional timetable:**

Autumn term : December Tree Planting and expression of interest.

Spring term: January/February: Project proposal

Summer term: April to May: submission of work

End of May: Schools visits and assessment of projects

June 2018 final judging and awards ceremony

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