

Competition

'Shopping for the future'

How what your school buys affects
people and the environment

Think! Schools use resources every day: energy... books... pens... paper...
food... printers... computers... cleaning materials... furniture... rulers...

but...

How long
does it last?

What happens
when we have
finished with it?

How much
energy does
it use?

Is it made from
sustainable
material?

Who made it?

Three competition categories:

- Foundation and KS1 - 'What is our classroom made from?'
- KS2 - 'Is our classroom future friendly?'
- KS3+4 - 'Is our school future friendly?'

1st, 2nd and 3rd
prizes in
each category

To enter

Entries should be presentations in the format that you prefer: storyboard, cartoon, poster, power-point, film or any other option you want.

Please send entries to Cathryn Gathercole, 126 New Walk, Leicester LE1 7JA by 25th September 2006. Prizes will be presented at the East Midlands Expo on Thursday 12th October at Pride Park

Categories

Foundation and Key Stage 1 'What is our classroom made from?'

Pupils should look at objects in the classroom, and identify what materials they are made from. This could include books, furniture, pencils, computers, in fact anything in use in the classroom! Pupils could also look at where the objects were made, and how far they have travelled to get to the school.

Key Stage 2 'Is our classroom future friendly?'

Pupils should think about the production of classroom objects, and consider where they have come from, and what will happen to them when they are finished with. Will anything be re-used or recycled? Which things use a lot of energy? What is wasted? What about fair trade? Is there anything the school could do to make the classroom more future friendly?

Key Stage 3 and 4 'Is our school future friendly?'

Pupils should think about sustainable buying - the idea that the environment and equity are as important as economy, efficiency and effectiveness when making purchases. What is the current situation in school, and how could this be improved? This includes issues like food miles, energy efficiency, fair trade, recycling and running costs, and the life cycle cost of the product.

How to enter

Entries should be clearly marked with the name of the pupil(s), category entered, and school address. It will not be possible to return any entries. The closing date is 25th September 2006. Competition winners will be informed by 29th September, and prizes will be presented at the East Midlands Expo at Pride Park in Derby on 12th October. Entries may be used in publications for publicity.

For more details please contact Cathryn Gathercole on 0116 257 6606 or cathryn.gathercole@skillshare.org

GOOD LUCK TO ALL YOUR PUPILS!