

School open day

Whitelees Primary School, North Lanarkshire Council

9:30am – 3.00pm, Monday 20th February 2012

Theme: Sustainable Development Education

This event was originally due to take place on 8th December 2011 but had to be cancelled due to the severe storms. It has now been rescheduled for Monday 20th February 2012.

Whitelees Primary School hit the headlines in 2011 when it became the first primary school to be awarded five 'excellent' grades by the school inspectors. This isn't the first time their achievements have made news. The school's accolades and awards include:

- Finalist, Scottish Education Awards - *Sustainable School* category (2011)
- Best Green School Award (2009)
- Winner, Scottish Education Awards – *Best Enterprise* category (2008)
- Four Green Flags, Eco-Schools Scotland.

A key factor in the school's success has been the way it has placed global citizenship and sustainable development education at the heart of the curriculum to provide exciting, relevant and engaging contexts for learning. This has helped to create, 'Highly motivated, confident and ambitious children who are keen to learn and to make a difference in school and the wider community.'

This CPD event offers practitioners and school leaders from across Scotland the chance to visit Whitelees Primary School to meet with the Head Teacher, staff and learners and also tour the classrooms, buildings and grounds. A focus of the event will be to identify and share the practical lessons and ideas that have helped the school develop a successful whole school approach to sustainability and global citizenship including:

- A sustained commitment to pupil voice with learners being given real opportunities to shape the curriculum and school decision making
- Effective use of the school grounds, nature and vegetable gardens to support outdoor learning and deliver the curriculum
- The inspiring pupil rock band which has achieved notable success through their songs about fair trade and climate change.

Those participating in the open day will also have time to reflect and share their own experiences.

How to book

To book, please email: globalcitizens@educationscotland.gov.uk or Tel. 0141 282 5172.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. **This is a free event!**

"I found that actually being in a school and observing their good practice was invaluable. Seeing another school doing what I would like to do enabled me to take away and pass on real practical solutions and ideas that were tried and tested. It was a very inspiring visit, and was great to see the kids so involved with the projects."

Quote from delegate on an open school visit.



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Whitelees Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld G67 3NJ

Programme

9.30	Registration and coffee
9.40	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann Kay , Head Teacher• Ian Menzies, Education Scotland
10.00	Tour of school and grounds
11.15	Break
11.30	Our journey towards a whole school approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann Kay, Head Teacher
11.45	Question and answer session
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Reflection and professional dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange of ideas and experiences in light of the visit
14.15	Education Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources, ideas and support - helping you take it forward
14.35	Eco-Schools Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New assessment procedures and topic
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