



Science Grant Scheme Update

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Happy Easter! I hope you've all enjoyed your holiday. This school year's science grant scheme in Lancashire is the Edina Trust's biggest yet, with over 300 schools now eligible.

Applications have been flying in, with 116 of you having received your grant, but there's still plenty of eligible schools that have yet to claim this year's £550.

For exciting project ideas and resources on what to do with your school's grant, try visiting the websites below –

Useful Websites:

Plants

- **Garden Organic for Schools** – www.schoolsorganic.net
A programme that can be joined for free which provides useful resources and helps break down garden tasks into half-term chunks.

Animals / Environment

- **iSpot** – www.ispot.org.uk
Here children can upload their photos/observations of local plant and animal life. There are only four simple fields to complete and the online community leave comments to support identification or to provide further information so the children are given a sense of purpose as their research is of value.
- **OPAL** – www.opalexplornature.org/identification
Visit for free, simple identification charts, real scientific surveys for pupils to take part in and activities to support observations of plants and animals within different habitats. Visit the 'Explore nature' part of the website to find 3 investigation packs to use as part of the British Science Association CREST awards.
- **BBC Breathing Spaces** - www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces
For ideas on how to build minibeast homes and feeder
- **Birds** – www.rspb.org.uk Includes a huge variety of resources and identification sheets
- **Bees** – www.lifecyclesproject.ca/resources

All we need to process your application is:

- a detailed cost breakdown of how you will spend the money
- the date of your project – especially for science visits or science weeks
- a project description including what you hope to achieve and how you will embed the experience into the pupils' learning.

Remember:

- You have until the end of the academic year to submit your application,
- No retrospective applications can be accepted.
- Each primary school in Lancashire will be invited to apply for a science grant each year for three years (with lucky pilot schools receiving the chance of a grant for 4 years).

Our website www.edinatrust.org.uk includes:

- More information on projects that schools have planned with their Edina Trust Grant, and
- Other resources for planning your own science event.
- [Request an application form](#) (or any other queries)
- [Tips on applying for a grant](#)

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