LESSONS IN SCHOOLS ABOUT BEES

Why you should do it:

Through environmental education we can teach about how natural environment is functioning and, particularly, how human beings can manage their behavior and ecosystems in order to live sustainably. There are many ways for educators to teach children the value of our natural environment and why it needs to be preserved.

An environmental educational activity is a good tool to raise awareness about bees among children. It will help children find out about bees and their importance. Our lives – and the world as a whole – would be a much different place if bees didn't exist. Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-sixth of the flowering plant species worldwide and approximately 400 different agricultural types of plant. You can organise activities to help your school or youth club become more bee-friendly.

When children take part in projects that strengthen their connection to environmentalism, they learn hands-on that they can make a difference. Making something new from recycled items – such as crayons or old cloth – or science experiments and science fair projects can also make children and young people understand the importance of bees.

Steps:

Time:
1 - 2 hours

1. Prepare the presentation in a way that will attract children's interest.
2. Prepare the materials which will be used during the lesson (papers, markers, flip charts, projector, notebook, materials for recycling activities etc.).
3. Make the presentation. For example, you can talk about what kind of insect is a bee and different types of bees, what is the importance of bees, what is their role in the nature, how bees help the ecosystem, what is pollination, how bees make honey, what types of flowers bees are attracted to etc.
4. Engage children's creativity. Make bee puppets from recycled materials and have a short theatre exemplifying how bees pollinate flowers.
5. Together with the children you can create a bee corner in the school where they can exhibit the recycled bee puppets and informational posters about bees.

Find out more!

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/science-amazing-world-of-bees.shtml
http://ag.arizona.edu/pubs/insects/ahb/gradek.html

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