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Reflections On Race Days



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The summer holidays are now a distant memory but we hope they were fun-filled and exciting for all our readers. It was a busy time, with four Race Days, where competitors at Bluewater, Kent and Plas Menai in Wales, got baked in the summer sun, whilst competitors at Silverstone and in Wimbleball were nearly washed and blown away by the rain and summer winds! And all credit to you guys, not one complaint is ever made about extreme weather conditions....



So Far This Term....

The first of our annual one day events took place on 14th September. We did our Sail Boats Challenge at the Liner Terminal, Southampton. A popular event with local schools; this year 20 teams from 12 different schools, competed in sail boat races. If students had to blow their boats along last year at this event, they had to rein them in with effective rigging systems this; such were the windy conditions on the Solent. Perfect for a Sail Boat Challenge! Tasked to make sails to suit weather conditions, as ever 20 different teams produced 20 different designs. Redbridge and Quilley Schools; meticulous in their preparation checked wind direction and other designs before finalising their own; Oakbridge had a brilliant first run—perfect sails to match the conditions. Lakeside threw caution to the wind and had a huge sail which risked toppling; and it did! Tall masts, short masts, simple designs, highly complex ones too...in the end it was Thornden School who won narrowly beating Upper Shirley High. Well done to all!

The Marine Race Days all had representation from local primary schools this year; with as many as 300 Year 5 and 6 pupils over 3 days at Wimbleball alone. This is excellent news for both Formula Sun and the secondary competitors. For us it opens this flexible project up to another sector of education, and for you it means that stronger links can be forged with your feeder primaries. Another direction for us to go in this summer has been with Scout Groups. Collectively 800 scouts across several troupes, were set to do Formula Sun at their summer camp activities around the country. Although we did not personally attend, it's great to know that we have enthusiastic adults willing to give it a go. Plus, we are also speaking with a former teacher who currently runs a Church Group for dads and their children looking for fun things to do on a Sunday morning...and messing about with solar boats seems set to fit the bill! Clearly we have much to think about, and with Formula Sun firmly at the forefront of our minds, the next thing we wish to turn our attention to is our event at The London Boat Show in January. See Page 3 for further information.



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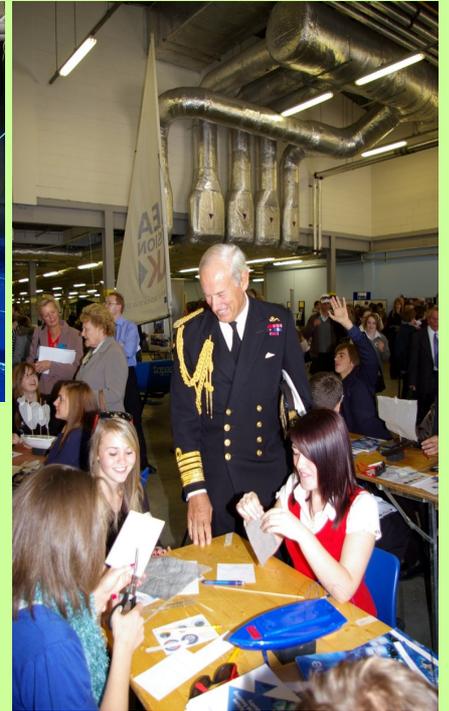


Increasingly at EYF, we are asked to do One Day Events, so a brief run down to remind familiar readers of what we do and introduce new persons to ideas. We have been running themed events for several years now and you can be assured of professional delivery tailored to your specific needs.

Please contact us for information on any of the following or to discuss new ideas that you may need some help or resources to deliver.

The Sail Boat Challenge

This is still our most requested event as it is simple to organise for large groups of all ages covering teamworking and basic marine design principles.



Formula Sun in a day!

This year's regional marine events proved successful for the local primaries to assemble and race solar boats, which we can now offer as a stand-alone exercise or integrated into wider curriculum covering: Renewable energy, product design, teamworking etc



Multi function vehicle

Design the car in teams using the equipment to cope with a range of conditions from slow steep climbs to fast-paced sprints. Best of all, like the Formula Sun Challenge, it is flexible being suited to all ages—from Key Stage 2 to staff training days. Using K'nex this project can be done without the need for specialist materials and facilities. It can involve building a simple car with motors or one where you have to build a gearbox to optimise performance in different conditions.



This challenge is one we hope to have available as an event feature at the Silverstone event next year.

More from EYF

Another exciting project is our wind energy project. Here you are challenged to power your vehicle using electricity generated by your own aerogenerator and stored! It takes a close look at topical environmental issues, of the feasibility of wind power, planning issues, as well as technical design. Pupils build generators, test them for efficiency and performance, logging the data to be used for further analysis in the classroom. Students testing their wind turbines.

Interested? Phone or e-mail to find out more....

Formula Sun at the London International Boat Show



Last year it was the launch, this year we are there to Race the boats! You do not even need to have a boat to take part, just roll up and build one of our one day challenge kits when you arrive! Obviously schools just racing will not gain any engineering points, but will be able to experience not only Formula Sun but the Fantastic Tullet Prebon London Boat Show! Find out more about The Boat Show and the educational opportunities it offers by visiting www.londonboatshow.com. All schools attending will also

have the opportunity to take part in the 'have a go' sessions on the Watersports Pool run by Rockley Watersports.

To plan your visit you must do both of the following:

- 1 - e-mail us to confirm attendance at info@engineeringyourfuture.com or you can fax the completed form enclosed with this newsletter to 01869 810674.
 - 2 - go to the schools area of the londonboatshow.com then follow the schools link where there is an online form to fill in.
- These two registration forms must be completed so that we know which schools are bringing boats and the Boat Show can allocate your free tickets. No registration will mean you can't get into the show so please do it NOW!



Formula Schools Race Day at Silverstone -2011 is June 30th



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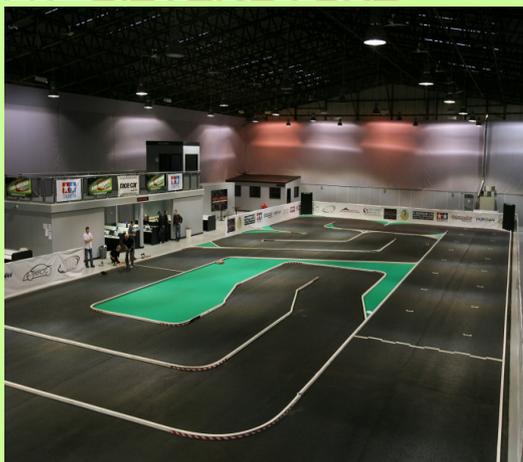
The centrepiece of the Formula Schools scheme is Race Day at Silverstone.

Some of you may know that Silverstone now has a world class Radio Control car race complex on site 'MOTO ARENA', Not surprisingly Formula Schools and Moto Areana have been talking and the result

is our Race Day will be held at their world class venue, but that is not all!

- ☞ All Formula Schools teams can have access to the complex for half price to hone their skills any time during the year.
- ☞ All schools will be able to download track information
- ☞ It doesn't matter if it rains, as they are located in a 36.000 sq ft, 3 storey building
- ☞ We are working with Moto Arena to offer other school projects based at Silverstone
- ☞ Best of all in the past we have had to wait until the F1 race calendar was fixed before we could get a date in the paddock, Formula Schools can now confirm the date for 2011 is June 30th 2011

**MOTO ARENA
AT SILVERSTONE**



Information from their web site

Moto-Arena Silverstone, is the world's premier radio controlled (RC) and virtual racing destination.

It is a fully interactive visitor experience ideal for a family day out, for those visiting the circuit, or those racers taking part in any of our official race meetings on our incredible indoor and outdoor tarmac circuits...

..with a dedicated outdoor area, at the very heart of the most famous of all motor sport facilities....

Moto-Arena also contains unique attractions, such as rock climbing, tank battles, helicopter and aviation zones, as well as leading simulators from F1, WRC, Moto GP and the largest world class slot car tracks.

**For more information or booking go to www.moto-arena.co.uk
To claim your 50% discount you must pre-book by telephone or e-mail and present this Newsletter (not a copy) on arrival at Moto Arena reception.**

