

BAGS OF HELP

Join in our great green giveaway!

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THE *London Weekly News* is today launching a bold new campaign to help communities lead the way in cleaning up the capital.

We are teaming up with Tesco to give away tens of thousands of pounds to community groups who are doing their bit to make west London a greener place to live.

The Bags of Help campaign will distribute a cash pot of £90,000 across our three boroughs, with £30,000 each for Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and the City of Westminster.

Tesco is donating the money – raised from 5p plastic bag charges – which will be put back into the community to support projects tailored to improving the environment.

We are inviting schools, charities and community organisations to apply for a share of the cash, which can be used to fund all manner of green schemes.

Whether it's a clean-up at a local park, an energy-efficient solar initiative or perhaps a plan to expand a community garden, we would like to hear from you.

Once all the bids are in and have been shortlisted to a final



£8,000. The administration of the funding will be handled by environmental charity Groundwork, which specialises in supporting communities to transform green spaces for the better.

Charity and community groups can bid for the funds by visiting the dedicated website www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-communityscheme or by calling the helpline on 0121 237 5780 before Friday June 3.

London Weekly News editor Philip Evans said: "No matter what the politicians tell you, cleaning up the environment is the number one challenge facing our city today.

"It may be a global problem but we know our readers can lead the way by making a big difference in their communities.

"We are extremely proud to be teaming up with Tesco to launch Bags of Help – and I have every confidence that our fantastic local schools, charities and community groups will show the rest of London how we can make our city cleaner and greener."

■ PIONEER: Nic Seal, environmental scientist and founder of Environet, is backing a green project being run at Moat School in Fulham



three, our readers and Tesco customers will get the chance to vote online, in-store and through the *London Weekly News* for their favourite project. Voting will open in October, with the three finalists in each borough receiving grants of £12,000, £10,000 and

allotment holders sell their fruit and vegetables.

Nic Seal, environmental scientist and founder of Environet, which set up the scheme, will visit the school this week to hear about some of the students' unique ideas and present an award for the number one suggestion.

He said: "These children have creative and enquiring minds, and they see the world from a different perspective. They are often the ones who have the light-bulb moments – but can't articulate their ideas.

"We want to inspire them to come up with innovative design solutions which improve the environment".

The project was aimed at students during the autumn term and has proved such a huge success that another group has carried it on since Christmas.

And the school is already looking ahead with a view to expanding the scheme across Hammersmith and Fulham.

Ronda Fogel, Moat School founder, said: "The students have found this project tremendous fun and incredibly rewarding to work as part of a team. We have a very strong enrichment programme but this has been different to anything we have done before. "It's been so popular with the students that we are looking to work with other schools in Hammersmith and Fulham to give more children the opportunity to get involved."

CASE STUDY

THE Moat School in Fulham has been blazing a trail in the environmental field by tapping into the creative minds of young people.

In the first project of its kind, students have been working to develop a range of new ideas designed to clean up the environment. The Schools Eco-Innovation Award programme aims to harness the brainpower of children with learning disabilities, such as dyslexia and dyspraxia, to approach environmental problems from a new perspective.

Launched at the Moat School in September, the scheme has already produced several

eureka moments from clever students – including a plan to bury new homes underground to save on fuel costs, and a mobile phone app to help



■ PROJECT FOCUS: Moat School pupil Miles Bloomfield with James Broughton, design and technology teacher

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