

School Travel news



News and Information from Hackney Council's Sustainable Transport and Engagement team

Bike around the Borough



More than 1000 pupils took part in last year's record breaking event

Summer term can only mean one thing – BATB! Our record holding mass bike ride is due to take place on 29 June and we look forward to welcoming young riders onto the streets in this unmissable event. By now schools should have registered for the ride and will be awaiting confirmation of their assigned cycle instructor and Dr Bike date.

Please contact sta@hackney.gov.uk for more information.

Free weekend cycle skills

There are **FREE** group sessions for children and adults in Hackney Downs most weekends throughout the year.

Find out more and register at www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney

Cycle training at your school

Make sure that you've booked your cycle skills training for years 5 and 6 for the summer term, and remember, you can always book in early for courses in September!

Visit www.cycleconfident.com/courses/school-level12/ or call Laura on 07711 379 163.

Best School Crossing Patrol Officer 2017

Calli Lawrence was voted the best School Crossing Patrol officer 2017. Calli has worked at Northwold Primary since 2003. Headteacher Alison Kriel stated how proud the school was that Calli received the award as he 'truly deserved this – always smiling, very professional and outside in all weathers keeping pedestrians safe.' Pupils completed a beautiful scrapbook filled with their thanks and pictures for Calli to keep.

Special mention also for SCP officer Donna Thorpe at Betty Layward school where the children also prepared pictures for Donna to keep. Sharon Purdy, Learning mentor at Betty Layward added: 'It is amazing how Donna remembers every single person's name as she greets them every day – always smiling – a fantastic and welcome start to the day.'



Calli Lawrence – Northwold SCP officer



Donna Thorpe – Betty Layward SCP officer with pupils

National Walking Month



May is national walking month and residents are encouraged to get walking more with incentives for walkers and school activities.

Walking briskly for at least 10 minutes a day counts as exercise and is one of the easiest ways to improve health.

Walking can also be quicker than driving or waiting for public transport and is an enjoyable way to get around.

Download the Active 10 app to track your walking and show you when to increase your pace to benefit your health. The app is available at the Apple or Google Play Store.

Parents, teachers and residents can earn discounts and freebies at participating cafes and shops in Hackney when they walk on **Walking is Rewarding Day on 17 May**.

www.hackney.gov.uk/walking

Cycle Loan Scheme: The Hackney Cycle Loan Scheme will be re-launching soon, so if you know an adult who might like to borrow a bike for a month, to see if cycling suits them, get them to email movegreener@hackney.gov.uk and we'll put them on the waiting list.

Junior Citizenship Scheme – 10 years in Hackney

2,600 children from 62 schools attended the Junior Citizenship Scheme events in December and January. They learnt lots of important lessons from the Hackney Road Safety team and other organisations including TfL bus and tube staff and St John's Ambulance. The road safety team focused on how important it is to concentrate when you need to cross the road with the emphasis on the main distractions that young teenagers are prone to whilst out on their own and with their friends.



Junior Citizens Day at Hackney Museum

Brightly dressed children win a stunning prize!



Millfields pupils in their bright clothes



Millfields pupils learned how to film their own road safety film



St Paul's with St Michael's CE Primary School also took part in Dress Bright day

To promote the Be Bright Be Seen campaign many schools took part in Dress Bright to Stay In Sight Day, a non-uniform day where everyone came to school dressed as brightly as possible.

The Junior Road Safety Officers entered the best dressed children in a competition run by the road safety team at Hackney.

The winning school was Millfields Community School who were visited by The Riot Act Ltd, a theatre production company, to make a short Film in a day promoting a road safety issues to show to other children.

All of the children were involved in creating the idea and storyline and they had different jobs on the day like filming, directing, acting, and devising props and costumes.

Nursery children get creative for the new Road Safety Collage Competition

The aim of this competition is for children in EYFS to produce a piece of artwork that portrays a road safety related message. From the entries received it is clear that participating in this competition captured the imaginations of our young road users and got them to focus on road safety issues such as holding hands on the road, safer crossing places and be bright be seen, to name a few. All schools that submitted an entry will receive a small prize for their Nursery/ Foundation year group.

The winning school is Harrington Hill Nursery class who made an interactive zebra crossing scene. They will receive a Road Safety Role Play Equipment Kit (worth over £300) consisting of a zebra crossing, belisha beacons, role play uniforms and more. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you for your support!



Harrington Hill's collage

March 2017 Hackney WOW badge competition winners

Thank you to everyone for completing the Living Streets WoW Badge Design Competition – this year's theme – Walk the Americas.

Five young artists from Holy Trinity, Tayyibah and Olive School won the borough competition and their designs have now been shortlisted to participate in the national competition. Congratulations!



Holy Trinity Primary



Tayyibah School



Olive school



Transition lessons at your school

We can offer talks, lessons and/or resources during the summer term to year 6 children with advice on things like journey planning, public transport and safer road use as they make their transition up to secondary school. Please contact Su Guy for more information or to arrange an officer to visit the school:

su.guy@hackney.gov.uk
020 8356 5795

New School Streets to tackle congestion



St John the Baptist Primary School, Hoxton

Consultations has started on a pilot scheme called **School Streets** where the road outside a school is closed to traffic at school opening and closing times.

The first two schools to be consulted on are St John's the Baptist CoE Primary School and Tyssen Community Primary School.

Both schools have been selected because of road safety issues at the school gate, with regular driver altercations taking place and even pavement driving.

For information about the scheme and the consultation see www.hackney.gov.uk/school-streets



Hackney Youth Travel Ambassadors



YTA judges



YTA participants from Tayyibah Girls' school



YTA participants from Tawhid Boys' school

Hackney's Youth Travel Ambassadors pitched their ideas to a panel judges this Easter term at Campaign Junction in a bid to win £250 funding for their project to increase cycling.

Selected secondary schools within Hackney are working with transport and industry professionals to research, design and deliver a campaign within their school. They receive bi-weekly support from TfL and additional sessions tailored to the school's needs.

'The judges were impressed with their creative ideas and their desire to make a real difference in their schools.'

Catherine Hanley, London Transport Museum

Schools wowed our judges with creative ideas which ranged from a school cycle challenge, information packs to parents, personalised journey planning and a Byk day! But it was not all plain sailing as they were quizzed by a panel made up of Andrew Cunningham, Head of Streetscene,

Hackney Council, Rajesh Bhardwaj – Director of 99 Aha Ltd and Catherine Hanley – London Transport Museum.

All schools were awarded the funding to deliver their project and we look forward to seeing how their projects develop. Watch this space for an update in September's newsletter!



Fourth UN Global Road Safety Week 2017, 8–14 May:

This year's focus is Save Lives: #SlowDown

For more information about walking and cycling to school, or to book an STP review please contact: sta@hackney.gov.uk or call **020 8356 8469**. Visit www.hackney.gov.uk/stp for useful STP info and templates.

To update your school's STP log in to www.tfl.gov.uk/stars