



This year's Big WoW is bigger and better with a 2012 themed walking relay. Schools across London are taking part in a relay that will go through every borough during Walk to School Month in October, with classroom activities to involve those who can't do the relay. Make sure your school is a part of it!

A baton will travel through each borough and schools are encouraged to take part in walking it through to the next stage. It's one of the biggest walking relay events in London – travelling anticlockwise from Havering, through every borough and ending at Greenwich! While the lesson plans are aimed at KS2, all ages are invited to take part and walk for London.

The Hackney section of the walking relay is due to take place on Tuesday 12 October in the morning. We are looking for participants to meet in London Fields and walk with the relay baton to Mile End Park Stadium for some fun activities with schools from Tower Hamlets as it is handed over and continues its journey around London.

Sign up now! Please email georgie.burchell@hackney.gov.uk by Friday 17 September.

Bike Week Success

June's Bike Week featured 13 schools that ran Bikers' Breakfasts and/or Dr Bike sessions. Feedback and bicycle counts at participating schools showed these events were a great success! According to the bicycle counts before and after the events, the number of pupils cycling to school increased by 39%. Feedback from schools included:

"The Dr Bike session was a huge success, all parents and children that were involved were pleased with the results and at least 20 bikes are now road worthy! I would love to run this event regularly throughout the year"
Loretta De Borst, STP Champion, St John the Baptist CE Primary School

"Bikers' Breakfast was very well received. The children enjoyed watching the mechanics check over the bikes and were keen to learn how to take care of their bikes. The event encouraged the children to cycle to school and alongside the Dr Bike session this was highly successful. We were very grateful to be considered for such an exciting session"
Derek Hewie, STP Champion, Grazebrook Primary School



The Bike Week events were so successful that we are now offering Bikers' Breakfasts with Dr Bike sessions each term! To register your interest please email georgie.burchell@hackney.gov.uk.



Dr Bike and Bikers' Breakfast at London Fields Primary School

Hackney Schools Recognised for Sustainable Transport Initiatives

Congratulations to the following schools:

Outstanding Level:


Shacklewell Primary School
Tawhid Boys School

Higher Standards Level:

Kingsmead Primary School
Lauriston Primary School
St John the Baptist CE Primary School
The Petchey Academy

Sustainable Level:

Berger Primary School
Grazebrook Primary School
Jubilee Primary School
Parkwood Primary School
Queensbridge Primary School,
Randal Cremer Primary School
Rushmore Primary School
Springfield Community Primary School
St Scholastica RC Primary School

 To find out more about what these schools did to achieve their Accreditation Status please go to www.hackney.gov.uk/stp



Students Riding Pool Bikes at Kingsmead Primary School



Dr Bike at Tawhid Boys School

STP Conference – January 2011


We will be holding a School Travel Plan Conference in January. The day will be focused around sharing good practice and will include presentations from schools about their STPs.

Parking on the Zig Zags

While Hackney Council regularly enforce illegal parking on the keep clear markings outside schools we often get asked what schools can do themselves to help improve the situation.

Here are some tips:

- Schools have had success with pupils, e.g. Junior Road Safety Officers or the Student Council speaking to offending parents. Pupils can explain to parents in their own words how their behaviour reduces children's visibility when they are trying to cross the road and makes it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists arriving at school.
- Remind parents of the law in your school newsletter.
- Promote 'Park and Stride' to parents who live too far away to walk the whole journey. We can help you to produce a leaflet to distribute to parents which creates awareness of the dangers of parking on the keep clear markings and encourages parents to park elsewhere. It could also include a map to illustrate a voluntary 'Walking Zone' for your school. Please email georgie.burchell@hackney.gov.uk for more details.

 Go to www.hackney.gov.uk/stp and click on 'Reducing car trips' on the left hand side for more tips on reducing car trips to school.

Sustainable Travel Celebration Brochure

We are currently working on a Sustainable Travel Celebration Brochure for schools, which will include your School Travel Plan achievements.

The aims of this brochure are to celebrate and share good practice, provide schools with inspiration and ideas and to act as an additional reward and memento for schools to be proud of what they have achieved.

This is due to be published and distributed to schools in January 2011. Please expect an email or phone call from us to clarify details and possibly request additional information or photos for this publication – we really appreciate your assistance on this.

Golden Shoe Competition

Berger Primary School won the second Golden Shoe competition with 95% of pupils walking to school.

To enter the Golden Shoe Competition or to join the WoW (Walk Once a Week) scheme email georgie.burchell@hackney.gov.uk or download the WoW application form at www.hackney.gov.uk/stp (Click on 'walking' on the left hand side).



New Guidance for School Travel Plan Reviews

After reviewing best practice from the past four years, we have developed new guidance for STP Reviews that simplifies the process.

For instance, did you know that the School Census contains a field on pupil mode of travel? STP Champions should team up with their school's Census Officer to help collect this data so that it can be used in the STP Review. This will reduce duplication of work.

Also, the STP Review templates have been simplified and shortened. This will help cut down on paperwork and time spent writing your STP Reviews, allowing more time to run initiatives and further promote walking and cycling to school! Copies of the new templates and guidance will be emailed out to STP Champions.

Ten Hackney Pupils to be published in Walk to School Week Book:

Poetry in Motion...



Sammi Elhakim, 'Free Your Feet' Winner at The Petchey Academy

Pupils from 23 Hackney schools took part in 'Poetry in Motion' during Walk to School Week last May by writing poems about their walk to school.

10 poems from Hackney were chosen for inclusion in a special book to commemorate the event and includes submissions from across London. All Hackney schools will be sent copies of this book and you will have the opportunity to order additional copies.

Jose Gil, Sustainable Travel Manager at Tyssen Primary School said: "This year's Poetry in Motion initiative is inspiring and well liked by teachers, all children from year 1 to 6 will get an opportunity to express their creativity by writing a poem describing their journey to school".

Also during Walk to School Week, The Petchey Academy and Our Lady's Convent High School took part in an initiative called 'Free Your Feet', which is part of the 'Step Up' walking campaign for secondary school pupils. Pupils were encouraged to walk to school as much as possible, record the minutes they walked and submit their record card for a chance to win an iPod. Two lucky pupils won.

Get Staff Cycling

There are plenty of ways to promote and encourage staff to take up cycling instead of driving to school. Make sure all staff are aware of these fantastic incentives:

1. Hackney offer tax free bike loans through the Bike to Work Scheme. This means up to 40% can be saved on a brand new bike and staff pay through salary sacrifice. More information can be found here: www.cyclescheme.co.uk
2. Free cycle training is available for anyone over 11 years old who lives or works in Hackney. To book your session or to find out more call **020 7231 6005** or go to www.cycletraining.co.uk
3. Hackney Council are running regular cycle pitstops throughout the year. Get a free bike check at one of these events:
 - **Thursday 16 September 3pm-7pm, Well St Common**
 - **Thursday 28 October 3pm-7pm, Hackney Downs**
 - **Thursday 25 November 3pm-7pm, London Fields**
4. Join the fun at the first ever 'Slow Bike Race' at London Fields on Sunday 29 September. For more information go to www.hackney.gov.uk/movebybike

Secondary Schools News

In partnership with the Road Safety Education team we are offering secondary schools the chance to book theatre in education performances for years 7 and 8. These will be running during the week beginning Monday 6 December. The performance is called 'Getting There' by theatre company Box Clever and includes key messages about road safety and sustainable travel. Please email georgie.burchell@hackney.gov.uk if you are interested in booking a performance or to find out more information.

We want to hear from you

! STP News will now be published three times a year, one edition for each term. Please share with us what you are doing at your school to promote safe and sustainable travel and your school could feature in a future newsletter. Also if you have any comments or suggestions for STP News please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting **Georgie Burchell** (contact details opposite).

Small Grants

There is still time to apply for a small grant (up to £2000) to spend on initiatives contained within your STP. For example, you could bid for cycle storage or pool bikes for pupils to use for cycle training. This funding is not limited to physical items or infrastructure, but will be prioritised based on the bid's connection to your STP. For example, your school could benefit from funding for printed materials, prizes or incentives to help run an initiative or competition to promote walking or cycling to school.

If you do not have a copy of the application form it can be downloaded at www.hackney.gov.uk/stp. This round of funding will close Friday 1 October 2010. **Don't miss out!**



LIKE-A-BIKES at St Mary's CE Primary School

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