



## Schools with active School Travel Plan see huge decrease in car use

Many thanks to all schools that have kept their School Travel Plans (STP) active by submitting a 2011 review.

Recent analysis shows that the reduction in students travelling to school by car is twice as great at schools with active STPs than at schools without. Overall, there has been a 45% reduction of school-run car use in Hackney since 2007/08.

Schools with active STPs will be eligible to bid for a small grant later this autumn term to use towards sustainable travel initiatives.



## Students Bike Across the Borough for Bike Week

Nearly 150 pupils from ten schools celebrated Bike Week on Thursday 23 June with a mass bike ride across Hackney.

In celebration of national Bike Week, 'Bike Across the Borough' was a chance for students to practice on-road cycling skills they learned earlier in the year through national standards cycle training, while experiencing first-hand how easy and fun it is to get across the borough by bike.

Starting at Parkwood Primary School, the 6 mile ride saw students cycling the new 2012 Hackney Parks Walking and Cycling Route through Clissold Park, Hackney Downs and Well Street Common with more schools joining the ride en route to the Olympic Park Viewtube.

Students, school staff and cycling instructors then proceeded to Well Street Common in time for lunch where they were met by Olympic medallist Bryan Steel. British Cycling put on a

static bike race, while students powered the PA system by continuously pedalling static bikes hooked up to dynamos.

Bryan Steel said: "Cycling all the way across a built up area, seeing such a large group of young people on bikes, and seeing the Olympic Park for the first time was great. It's going to be a moment in my life I'll remember forever."

Thank you to all the schools who were involved in the event!

Due to this year's successful event many students and teachers expressed an interest in participating in a similar event next year, so watch out for Bike Week 2012!

To see more photos of the Bike Across the Borough event go to [www.hackney.gov.uk/stp](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/stp)

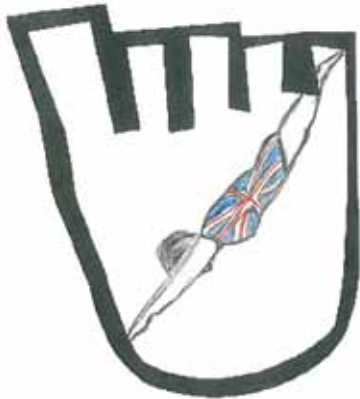


# Competition Updates

Thank you to all the schools that participated in the WoW Badge Design competition and the Walk to School week photography competition! The winners won some great prizes!

We are pleased to announce that the winners were...

## 1st Place



Lynna, aged 10  
from Harrington Hill Primary School

## 2nd Place



Ebrahim, aged 12  
from Tawhid Boys School

## Joint 3rd Place



Top: Mubeen, aged 8  
from Daubeney Primary School

Bottom: Selvigul, aged 11 from  
St John the Baptist Primary School

The winner of the Walk to School week photography competition was Madeleine from Our Lady & St Joseph RC Primary School.



Madeleine with her prize along with a framed copy of her winning photograph

## The Big Wow Friday 14 October Save the date!

To celebrate the Big Wow in October, all 33 London boroughs will be participating in a mass walking relay with the theme of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games throughout the month of October.

On the morning of Friday 14 October Hackney will have the 1948 and 1956 Olympic torches which were used for the London and Melbourne Games. We will celebrate this with a walking event within Hackney.

Transport for London will be running a Big WoW story writing competition 'Welcome to my Borough' that will coincide with the London walking relay.

Participating students will be asked to write a story and a drawing about what they see when they walk around Hackney, identifying landmarks and places of interest.

If you are interested in your school participating in the borough walking event please register your interest to: [sta@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:sta@hackney.gov.uk). We will send out more information about the details of the walking event soon.

The  
Big Wow

# Cycling field trips prove popular



Grasmere cycle team consisting of 23 students and 10 adults

In June the Tawhid Cycling Club made their way from London to the Norfolk Broads by coach for a weekend of cycling! They cycled on main roads, through forests and finally found the railway tracks they were looking for. Although the cycle ride was a tiring, long day for the students they really enjoyed the ride.

**Well done to the Tawhid Cycling Club!**

**“We all wished the weekend was never ending.”**

Meanwhile, the Grasmere Cycle Team cycled to Broxbourne for the day to raise money to rebuild a girl’s school in Punjab that was destroyed by an earthquake. Well done to all of the Grasmere cycle team who in total cycled over 30 miles and braved the rain for charity that day!



Tawhid students on their trip around the Norfolk Broads



Tawhid students take a break from cycling

## Golden Shoe Competition

We are running the Golden Shoe Competition this term, the Golden Shoe Trophy will be awarded to one school at the end of each term and is open to all schools to participate.

The trophy will be awarded to a school depending on a school’s walk to school figures and level of pupil involvement in the promotion and monitoring of walking.

For more information contact us at [sta@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:sta@hackney.gov.uk)

## Sustainable Travel Accredited & Recognised (S.T.A.R.) Hackney schools

This year 26 Hackney schools achieved either Sustainable, Higher or Outstanding status for TfL’s Sustainable Travel Accredited and Recognised scheme based on their 2011 STP.

Each S.T.A.R accredited school will be invited to a training workshop in October where they will be awarded the right to use a quality mark, and will be presented with a plaque and certificate. Attendees get a chance to network with other schools from similar areas and to receive support and information on how other schools promote sustainable travel.

Congratulations and well done!

Go to [www.hackney.gov.uk/stp-accreditation](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/stp-accreditation) to find out which schools were awarded with S.T.A.R status for their 2011 STP.

## Free Bikers' Breakfasts and Dr Bike Sessions

Following from the success of the Bikers' Breakfast and the Dr Bike sessions last academic year we are offering schools the chance to apply for resources and a micro-grant to run a Bikers' Breakfast and Dr Bike session each term this academic year! A total of 9 schools ran Bike Events during the summer term.

To download an application form go to [www.hackney.gov.uk/stp](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/stp) or call 020 8356 8469 to request a copy.

## Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme

We would like more schools to join in this exciting interactive scheme which empowers children to deliver road safety messages to their peers making them Road Safety Champions whilst being fully supported by the Hackney Road Safety Team.

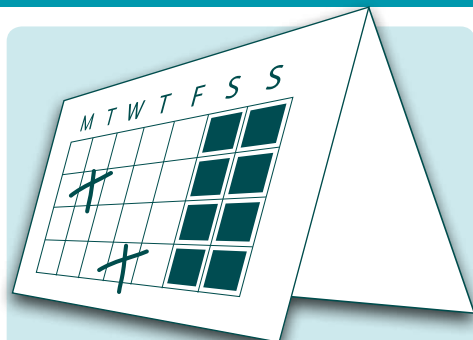
To join the scheme or for more information please contact Hackney Road Safety – 020 8356 8364 or 020 8356 4963.



## Junior Citizens at Hackney Museum

Junior Citizens will be held at Hackney Museum and will take place on the 28 November to 9 December 2011 with a third week 9 to 13 January 2012.

For more information go to: [www.hackney.gov.uk/es-streetscene-roadsafety](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/es-streetscene-roadsafety)



## Dates for your Diary


- **Walk to School month:**  
1 October to 31 October 2011
- **S.T.A.R Training Workshop:**  
7 October 2011
- **Hackney Big Wow walking event:**  
14 October 2011
- **Junior Citizens at Hackney Museum:**  
28 November – 9 December 2011  
and 9 January – 13 January 2012

## We want to hear from you



If you have any exciting news or ideas about how you promote sustainable travel at your school, then let us know! Your school could be featured in the next edition of STP news. You should be proud to shout about all the great things that happen at your school. Send us your photos and info on what your school does to promote sustainable travel to: [sta@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:sta@hackney.gov.uk)

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