

Transport for Young London

TfL news for teachers and schools



Nursery/primary schools

tfl.gov.uk/younglondon

Summer term 2017



Inside this issue



2

Air audits to
protect pupils

Start your journey

3

Winning designs for
STARS celebration

Inspiring activities
at STARS online

4

On your marks...

5

Spring into Summer

More online help for
schools

Free bus and tram travel
for Year 6 students

6

Borough spotlight
Camden – Healthy
School Streets

Dates for the diary



15–19
May

Walk to School
Week

18
May

Empty
Classroom Day

5
June

World
Environment Day

10–18
June

Bike Week

3–9
July

Catch the
Bus Week

July

Prudential
RideLondon
Freecycle

For more dates,
visit [stars.tfl.gov.uk/
about/diary](http://stars.tfl.gov.uk/about/diary)

Air audits to protect pupils

Fifty schools in our city's most polluted areas are set to get a major boost.

As part of bold and ambitious new plans to tackle air quality, funding has been announced for 'air quality audits' for primary schools in districts that exceed legal limits of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The audits will identify where new hard-hitting measures are needed to protect pupils from poor air quality.

To support this, we want pupils to play an active role in improving the air quality around their school and beyond. We are working with all London boroughs to help schools deliver pupil-led air quality projects through STARS, encouraging them to organise themed campaigns and initiatives that support active, responsible and safe travel on school journeys.

With World Environment Day on 5 June, it gives schools an obvious focus for events, too.

Young Londoners are already coming up with new and interesting ideas for tackling air quality around their schools. Why not share your successes and see how you are contributing to cleaning up London's air. Visit stars.tfl.gov.uk



**CLEANER AIR
FOR LONDON**

Start your journey

This summer every Year 6 pupil in London will receive a free copy of Start Your Journey – a borough-specific resource to help pupils plan their journey to their new secondary school safely, responsibly and independently.

The resource contains a map of the pupils' local borough, and an activity sheet. There is also a supporting lesson plan for Year 6 teachers covering travel choices, journey planning and Zip Oyster photocards.

Start Your Journey will be delivered directly to all primary schools in the Capital throughout early June, so please keep an eye out for it.

If you require additional copies, or receive too many, contact Tfl's Schools and Young People team at Schooolsandyoungpeople@tfl.gov.uk



Winning designs for STARS celebration

A big 'thank you' to all the schools who entered our STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) 10 year anniversary competition to design a logo for this landmark event.

There were many fantastic entries and we have now picked the three winners and a runner up!

Congratulations to:

 Lena from Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Wandsworth (overall winner)



 Arnas from Corelli College in Greenwich (secondary winner)



 Morwena from Barnes Primary in Richmond (primary winner)



 Max from Barnes Primary in Richmond (runner up)



Inspiring activities at stars online

The dedicated STARS website features more than 115 activity cards which give guidance for activities to promote active, responsible and safe travel in your school. Thirty of these are new and we'd like to know what special activities you are running at your school. Check it out at stars.tfl.gov.uk/Explore/Idea

Get ideas for your own campaigns and initiatives, or showcase what your school has already done to help others. More than 5,000 stories have already been shared London-wide.

You can share your experiences by making your information 'public' when submitting your STARS stories.

Are you a SEND school (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)? We would like to hear what you've been doing in your school. Send your examples to stars@tfl.gov.uk.

Make the most of STARS online. Why not showcase your STARS stories by adding a weblink to your school social media feed or website?



On your marks...

Get free school resources to celebrate this summer's major athletics events.

The World Para Athletics Championships (14–23 July) and the IAAF World Championships (4–13 August) are coming to London and you can use the sporting occasions as an educational opportunity with Starting Blocks.

Starting Blocks is an online hub offering cross-curricular athletics-themed materials. They are suitable for children aged 4 to 15.

The three themes are:

'A Summer of World Athletics'

This introduces young people to athletics in PE and sport

'The World in One City'

This focuses on the nations which will be competing and their unique cultures using Maths and numeracy

'Faces of the Summer'

This uses English and literacy to showcase the people who will make the events memorable, including athletes, their support teams and volunteers

Register for free at schools.london2017athletics.com

More online help for schools

Check out the latest online information about how schools are being supported in the Capital.

The resources follow the wish that every child in London should have the best possible chance for happiness and success by making the most of the opportunities available in our city.

London Enterprise Advisor Network – a funded programme connecting businesses to local schools. Email EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk

Mayor's Education Conference 2017 Report – read the conference report at london.gov.uk/educonfreport2017

Annual Education Report 2017 – read the report at london.gov.uk/edu-report-2017

GLA Schools Brochure and newsletter – read this and sign up at london.gov.uk/schools



Spring into Summer

Join our free guided walks weekend, **Spring into Summer**, on 20–21 May

More than 40 walks will be taking place, from short strolls to challenging hikes, all starting and finishing within easy reach of public transport and led by experienced guides.

Walks include Family Favourites, which feature

a fun-filled quiz for children, and the popular Animal I-Spy stroll where children search for dragons, lions and unicorns.

They are a great way to get active and explore the spectacular views and sights that London has to offer.

To book a free place, visit www.walklondon.org.uk

Free bus and tram travel for Year 6 students

From the age of 11, children are eligible for an 11–15 Zip Oyster photocard, enabling them to travel for free on buses and trams in London. Please remind your Year 6 students to apply as they prepare for Year 7. Their parents/guardians can apply for them online at tfl.gov.uk/photocard as soon as they turn 11. Please note that a £15 admin fee will apply.

Spotlight on Camden

Healthy School Streets trial for St Joseph's School

Many schools suffer from parking, congestion and other road safety issues outside the school gates which can make walking and cycling a less attractive option for pupils.

Cars can also cause noise and inconvenience for local residents near schools and ultimately affect air quality and people's health.

Camden Council has introduced a trial at a local school to give children a safer and more pleasant journey each day. It has closed Macklin Street, Holborn between 08:30 to 09:15 and 15:15 and 16:00 every school day so pupils at St Joseph's School can walk or cycle to school.

What is a Healthy School Street?

The Healthy School Streets trial is one of Camden Council's initiatives to make the streets outside schools safer at the start and end of the school day and to discourage driving to school.

How does it work?

Road signs indicate that the streets are closed and bollards are raised and lowered by school staff.



Camden Council staff are also helping schools to reduce the number of car journeys by providing pedestrian and cycle training, incentivising walking and cycling, and running events to raise awareness of the problems.

Early signs show that the road closure, combined with events and initiatives, particularly in relation to stopping parents parking at the end of the street, have cut car journeys to the school by two thirds!

Camden council has cut car journeys to St Joseph's school by two thirds during this trial.

There are many benefits including less air pollution in the area and more exercise for both children and parents, making them fitter and healthier.

Read the details at camden.gov.uk/HealthySchoolStreets and consult your borough officer to find out if you could have a Healthy Street outside your school.