



Welcome to the sixth edition of **schoolsgogreen**

School Travel Plan Success

Less than a year since submitting a completely revised School Travel Plan, Darell Primary School is already reaping the benefits. By working closely with Richmond Council's School Travel Advisors, we have been able to score some notable successes. This is great for our school, but it also serves to underline how effective travel plans can be for all schools, in terms of helping to meet short, medium and long term targets relating to safeguarding children and the environment.

In January we launched the WoW (Walk on Wednesday) scheme. We hope to emulate many other schools, by using the WoW scheme to help meet our key target of increasing the number of pupils walking and cycling to school.



Our travel plan has also helped us to secure funding for high-visibility vests carrying the school logo. Darell successfully runs many educational visits for its pupils during the school year, many of which are undertaken on foot or on public transport. Like all schools we take pupil safety extremely seriously, and these vests will be put to plenty of good use.

Another successful outcome from our travel plan has been the road works which have just been completed near the school. This has resulted in improved pedestrian crossing facilities at a junction which is used by many parents and pupils.

Of course travel plans take a lot of planning and do take time to write, but at Darell we are delighted to say that the rewards are most definitely there. Our future targets include increasing pupil and parental involvement in drawing up future Action Plans, obtaining Outstanding (gold) level Accreditation for the school, and continuing our fruitful relationships with our partners at the Local Authority and TfL.

In short we want to make travelling to school safer and greener for all of our pupils. The travel plan is vital in helping us to realise that commitment.

Mark Williams, Vice-Chair of Governors, Darell Primary School.

Dates for the Diary

14 May

Closing date for Richmond in Bloom entries

17 – 21 May

Walk to School Week

24 May

Now You See Me; Now You Don't tours primary schools

28 May

Sustainability Teachers Conference, Hampton Hill Juniors

June

London Cycle Challenge

8 June

Eco Schools Event

15 June

Sustainability Pupils Conference, Hampton Hill Juniors

18 June

Deadline for Capital Growth competition

19 – 27 June

Bike Week

21 – 27 June

Recycle Now Week

25 June

Deadline for STP Accreditation Applications

October

Walk to School Month





Energy and Water

Related ECM Outcome: Make a Positive Contribution / Achieve Economic Well being

Automated Meter Readers (AMR) – Making Life Easier

Richmond Council is investing in Automated Meter Readers for at least thirty sites; mostly schools. Automated meter readers mean you do not have to provide weekly meter readings, as data on your energy consumption is fed to a central database. The Council's highest consuming meters have been picked to receive AMR, so keep your ears open; we will be in touch soon to explain how this affects your site. To ensure there is minimal disruption meter upgrades will be done over the summer holidays.

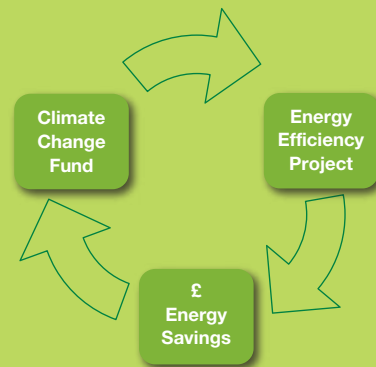
Use Carbon Reduction Manager

Start challenging the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme – have a visit from the Borough's Carbon Reduction Manager

You should now be aware of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (previously known as the Carbon Reduction Commitment) which will charge the Local Authority £12 per tonne of CO2 it emits from April 2011. As schools are responsible for 53% of the Council's building emissions, some of the cost will be re-administered to schools. How this will be done will be finalised through the School's Forum. To help mitigate the financial impact of the CRC, now is the time to take advantage of the Borough's resources

to help you improve your energy efficiency. The Council's Carbon Reduction Manager is available to undertake an audit of your school to identify the costs and savings of various energy efficiency measures you could do. The Carbon Reduction Manager will be able to assist you in project managing installations and provide advice on funding options. The Council's Climate Change Fund; an interest free loan paid back through savings made on your utility bills is available now.

Email: sustainability@richmond.gov.uk to sign up now in time to get work done over the summer holidays.



Water Makeover - Huge Water Savings Made in Richmond Schools

Twenty Borough schools have benefited from a pilot water makeover funded by Thames Water to reduce water consumption as well as engage and educate students about the need for conserving water. The project will save over 36,000m³ of water and 27 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Aqualogic undertook water audits and installed measures, such as water saving cistern devices and urinal controls, as well as identifying leaks to save water. Ech2o spoke at assemblies to over 4,000 pupils about the costs of using water at school and home. Each school then received a personalised report detailing how much

money and carbon dioxide the measures will save. All schools will save significant amounts of money on their water bills. Collis Primary School significantly improved their consumption; they used to consume 6m³ and now consume only 2.9m³ per pupil per year.

Eliza James in Year 5 said: "Doing the activities improved my knowledge as to how much water we were wasting in school and at home. I was given a shower timer to see how much water I was using. My class realised how we can save water when washing. Power showers waste so much water! I really enjoyed learning about water."

The positive outcomes from the project will be transferred to help Thames Water invest in saving water in other schools around the country.





Purchasing and Waste

Related ECM Outcome: Make A Positive Contribution

Red Sack Day

At Carlisle Infant School

We decided to have a Red Sack Day as part of our Green Fortnight in November to encourage recycling of clothes and shoes. Amy Crudgington from LMB Education came and gave an assembly followed by some workshops with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. They had great fun making sock monsters, sea creature puppets and super hero masks out of recycled materials. Every child then went home with a red sack to fill up and bring back the following week. We had a fantastic response and we watched a red mountain appear in reception! An amazing 159 bags were brought in – a record. This raised £62 for our School Sustainability Fund. Now we have a Bertie Bin which we've promised to look after and feed. An easy way to recycle and raise money!



Buildings and Grounds

Related ECM Outcome: Enjoy and Achieve

ZWIN (Zero Waste Initiative) offers free environmental assessments to charities and schools in the Borough with the aim of reducing environmental impacts (through energy, waste,



water, purchasing and travel). We have a team of trained volunteers who will visit your premises (visits last approximately 2 hours) and produce a report packed full of ideas and sources of further information. We can help with environmental policies and targets, energy savings, recycling, access to funding and promoting your initiatives. Organisations completing the assessment and agreeing an action plan can receive a ZWIN certificate, a mention on the website and other publicity. The assessment process will help schools to gain Eco-Schools awards and also to make progress towards the governments 2020 Sustainable Schools National Framework. ZWIN is a project of the

Richmond Environment Network.



Please contact us to find out more [ZWIN@richenvironmentnet.org.uk](mailto:moreZWIN@richenvironmentnet.org.uk)

Do you have the greenest fingers?

Conservation, sustainability and creative planning are the formula to win the Richmond Borough in Bloom School Gardening Trophy. The Bloom campaign last year re-launched its school gardening award to encompass all aspects of the usage of school grounds as a teaching and learning resource. Pupil participation, encouraging children to appreciate their learning environment, is a key element. Marks are awarded for usage of the grounds, layout (such as wildlife area, sensory garden, project work and compost) and management including adult volunteers. Thirty-two schools entered last year and the trophy was won by Archdeacon Cambridge's Primary School. In addition to the trophy, Squire's garden vouchers to the value of £100, £75 and £50 go to the top three places and other entries considered of high standard are awarded a Certificate of Endeavour.

Closing date for entries in this year's School Gardening Trophy competition is 14 May.

Please contact

richmondboroughinbloom@btconnect.com for further details.





Travel and Traffic

Related ECM Outcome: Achieve Economic Well-Being / Be Healthy / Stay Safe

Walking

Rail

Overground

Buses

Car

Cycling

What's In It For Me?

This is your chance to tell us what you want. We are looking for your suggestions and advice on how we can develop, the School Travel Plan (STP) packages we currently offer to ensure you continue to be the best that you can be. Your School Travel Advisors are committed to providing your school with the necessary tools to help you meet your STP targets and achieve the Accreditation level you deserve.

Currently 33 schools (42%) have committed to achieving silver or gold and therefore receive prioritisation for funding, engineering and development, and involvement with pilot projects. Those who provide a written commitment to achieving Higher Standard (silver) or Outstanding (gold) accreditation will reap the benefits. Our current proposals, in addition to the ongoing benefits (WoW, UpGrade, resources etc) include:

- Gold** Priority for:
- Small Grant Funding
 - Cycle Maintenance Sessions
 - Pilot and established projects
 - Engineering requests
 - Cycle Training (KS3/4)
 - Travel plan seminars/conferences
 - Theatre in Education
 - Big WoW participation

Termly Consultation with STA

Assistance with planning/running STP related events

Reward for STP Champion – what?

Reward for school achieving accreditation – what?



To help us shape our packages to provide you with the rewards that benefit you **please discuss this with your STP Working Party and send us your ideas by 28 May 2010.**

Please email your ideas to your School Travel Advisors using the details on the back page.



Silver Travel Plan Accreditation for Meadlands Primary School

Meadlands Primary School has celebrated being awarded a Small Grant of £1,000 and being one of the first schools in the borough to be awarded the Higher Standard (silver) accreditation from Transport for London for its School Travel Plan.

The school's Travel Plan team sent out questionnaires and then drew up an action plan to encourage more children and parents to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to school.

The children were actively involved in the Travel Plan, taking photographs, doing surveys, taking part in School Council meetings and writing to neighbours, local councillors and MPs regarding the safety of the roads surrounding the school.

During the course of the next school year, pupils, staff and carers will continue their commitment to increase the number travelling to school on foot, by bicycle and bus, and work towards their Outstanding (gold) accreditation.

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Is your bike ok to ride on the road?

Do you know how to check that your bike is OK to ride on the road? If not, we can help you. We are offering free bike maintenance classes. If you are part of a group, business or organisation and would like us to come along and teach your group the basics of making sure that your bikes are fit to ride on the road, give us a call and we'll discuss how this can happen.

Or, if you would like to join a course where basic bike maintenance is explained giving you the opportunity to get hands on experience, give us a call.

Find out more by contacting the Safety Education Team using the details on the back page.



New walking bus keeps children healthy

Pupils and parents from the Vineyard School have launched a new walking bus to help them get to school in a safe and healthy way. The Borough Mayor accompanied the children on their inaugural bus journey on Monday 1 March. The idea for the bus came from parents, and the school and Council worked closely with them to advise on how a walking bus could work.

Cllr David Trigg said: "I'm pleased to see everyone at The Vineyard getting together to launch the bus. A 20 minute walk to school each day will give the children good exercise every morning, and will take cars off the road during the rush hour; it will cut down a families fuel bill too. It's a win-win situation."

Richard Rosewell, Vineyard School's deputy headteacher said: "The parents have put in a lot of work, but it's something they have wanted because it will make their lives easier and help their children get regular exercise."

Pupils are dropped off at an arranged meeting point, when they form into a 'walking bus' and two volunteer parents supervise them all to walk to school.

Pupils cycling skills recognised

Two pupils at Orleans Park School in Twickenham have become the first cyclists in the borough to receive a national standard certificate for advanced cycle training. Raja Kang and Angus Winter are keen cyclists who now ride to school every day and are regular members of the Orleans Park Cycle Club. The pair received one-to-one tuition with nationally accredited cycle instructors from the Council, to hone their cycling techniques. In February they were presented with their level three Bikeability certificates, the highest grade possible.



Don't Miss Out

Big WoW Day will be back in October 2010. This year we are celebrating the 2012 Olympics with a London-wide walking relay. **Contact your School Travel Advisor using the details on the back page for more details.**

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Transport for London





Food and Drink

Related ECM Outcome: Be Healthy

Bronze Award for St Stephen's CE Junior School

St Stephen's pupils' appetite for growing, cooking and enjoying fresh food has won them a Bronze award from the Food For Life campaign. For starters, pupils, parents, staff and independent caterers Pride served up at least 75% locally sourced, freshly prepared foods for school lunches, including herbs, vegetables and salad grown in the playground. Next on the menu were visits to local farms to learn more about food production first hand followed by Year 6's Dig For Victory project linking food growing to their wartime topic.

Other events have included a visit from Food For Life's Cookery Bus, a Cheese Tasting and an Edible Window Box Workshop. With such delicious fresh fare it's no surprise that school meal numbers are up by 30% on last year, with over two thirds of pupils now enjoying menus based on farm assured meat, free range eggs and organic vegetables. Now they have a taste for it, St Stephen's are going for silver!



Competition Time

Capital Growth has launched a competition for schools. Go to

<http://www.capitalgrowth.org/schools/competition> and find out how your school's growing space could win a visit from a celebrity gardener, cash for your project and lots more wonderful prizes. Closing date for entries is 18 June.



School Meals Update

School Food Matters has launched a survey for parents on behalf of the Richmond school meals working party. Responses are coming in thick and fast and early indications are that food freshly prepared is at the top of parents' wish lists.

We have also learnt that children are opting for packed lunches to allow them to sit with their friends. If we could encourage all schools to let packed lunch and school meals children sit together, it would have a really positive impact on take-up and we would see more children enjoying a healthy nutritious school meal. Over 600 parents have responded so far and the data will be used to shape the future of school food in Richmond. The survey will remain open, so go to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRSD7P2> to have your say.



Inclusion and Participation

Related ECM Outcome: Make A Positive Contribution

A Madhattering Tea Party in the Name of Fairtrade

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight (22 Feb – 7 March), the Fairtrade Group in the Borough ran an art competition for all Richmond Schools to produce a piece of work incorporating the theme of Fairtrade with Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Approximately 250 children entered, winning the opportunity to visit Clarendon Hall for a tea party with the Mayor to establish a winner in each age category. First places in each category were won by Hampton Hill Juniors, Teddington Secondary and Hampton Infant Schools. The event included a real Madhatter, as well as giant teacups and plenty of consumable Fairtrade goodies.

There is only one Fairtrade School in Richmond, Queens Primary in Kew. If you would like to consider becoming a Fairtrade School visit the fair-trade website to find out how it can help you meet the inclusion, participation, food and drink and global dimension Sustainable Schools' doorways:

www.fairtrade.org.uk/schools/





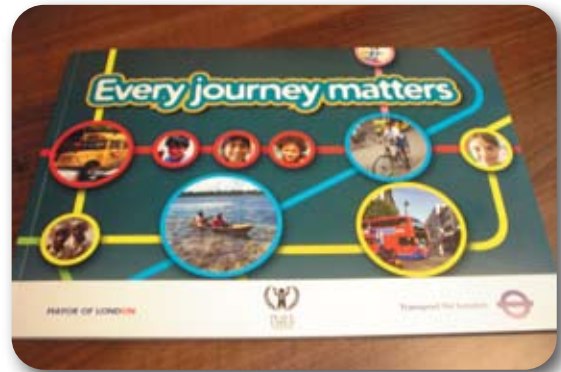
Global Dimension

Related ECM Outcome: Make A Positive Contribution

Every Journey Matters

Do you ever think about the journeys you make and how other people might make it?

Schools across the country have been working with their international partners to answer that very question and more recently a number of schools in the Borough have been working with Transport for London (TfL) to develop the new version of the Every Journey Matters resource booklet.



This booklet was written by children and young people in 35 countries across the world who share their experiences about their journey to school and how the types of transport they use affects the environment. These children and young people want to make a difference, and believe that environmentally friendly transport is a good place to start.

For further information please visit www.everyjourneymatters.co.uk and look out for the new version of this excellent resource coming to your school during the summer term.



Local Wellbeing

Related ECM Outcome: Make A Positive Contribution

Lowther's allotment open day

On Thursday 25 March we had an allotment open day funded by the London Sustainable Schools Forum (LSSF). We had teachers from other schools and visitors from the borough, including a local councillor.

We told them about our joint allotment and cooking project. We gave them tea and cakes (made by the children and the Food Friday chefs) and showed them around our allotment. We told them about the different vegetables and herbs we have already started growing which we will cook with later in the year to make pasta sauces, this is our special allotment project.



We love digging trenches for planting potatoes and harvesting all the produce, we even make our own compost from left overs – a bit like recycling. We have to water and weed all through the Summer! The thing we love most is going out into the allotment and picking fruit and vegetables to eat and then planting more!

Tabitha Ellis and Joanna Stoianov (8yrs old) Members of the Allotment Club

Funding Opportunities

Generation Green

Generation Green was launched in May 2008 by British Gas. Its aim is to bring together schools, children, their family and friends to create a greener future. By completing green activities schools are rewarded with leaves to get rewards. Green leaves are the currency of Generation Green. You can earn leaves by completing activities which vary from the simple to the more challenging and the more impressive the activity, the higher the number of leaves you can get! Your school is automatically set a leaf target based on the total number of pupils in your school. Once you reach your target you can exchange your leaves for exciting rewards such as bikes, cool camera nesting boxes or vegetable growing kits **For further information please visit www.generationgreen.co.uk.**

Is Awards for All right for you?

If you are looking to set up a before/after school club, holiday or lunch time club or a wider community project then this could be right for you. This could be related to cycling, such as setting up a cycling club or running cycle maintenance course, perhaps providing additional cycle parking for your infant pupils and staff. Awards for All offers grants between £300 and £10,000 to help improve your local community and the lives of people most in need.

For further information please visit

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html>



Eco Schools Update

Eco School's Event Summer Term

Have you heard of the Eco School's Framework? Eco Schools is an international programme designed to embed sustainability into pupil activities both in the classroom, school grounds and wider community. Eco Schools is a free and flexible framework that allows you to work towards the Sustainable Schools agenda meanwhile bringing financial savings, more caring, globally aware pupils, and bonus points from Ofsted as well as support towards other government targets. By starting an action team, writing an eco code and an environmental action plan (something many schools have already done), you can work towards a bronze, silver or green flag award. See the Schools Go Green pages for more information on how to get started. Why not attend an 'Eco Schools Walk Around' at Archdeacon Cambridge Primary School on 8 June to see what they have done and ask questions about the programme.

So what's the delay, join today. Register on the Eco Schools website to get started www.eco-schools.org.uk/

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