

# School Travel e-Newsletter

## Welcome back

We hope you all had a restful end to 2021 and 2022 has started well. Despite pandemic related developments, rest assured that our team continues to support you online and in person with your safer, active and sustainable travel needs. If you have any questions please contact us using the details at the bottom of the page.

# January year six junior citizenship program - cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid situation, TfL have decided to cancel the week of activity scheduled for the week of January 7th. However, it is hoped that the second week planned in February can go ahead, and the lost week can be rescheduled. TfL's education team will be in touch directly, but if you cannot contact them directly please let Max know and he will forward any frequently asked questions.

## School Street Testimonials

In early December 2021, we contacted schools where a School Street had launched in Autumn 2020, for an experimental period of up to 18 months, to ask them to provide feedback about how the School Street is operating. The request is for headteachers to provide a testimonial of a few sentences, provided either directly from the headteacher or through the School Travel Champion. This also provides an opportunity to raise any concerns or issues about the School Street. This feedback will form part of our review process and will help inform the decision on whether or not the School Street is made permanent, with or without changes.

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If your school is yet to provide this feedback, please follow the link and fill out this <u>Google Form</u>. School Streets enforcement resumed on Tuesday 4 January 2021 for the Spring term, and the School Street timed Pedestrian and Cycle Zone signs have now been reopened at all School Streets.

## **Bikeability Cycle Training**

Despite TfL's funding challenges, a limited amount of council funded cycle training is still being offered this term to those schools engaged with our programs throughout the year. For more details contact us using the details below.



## Illegal use of electric scooters

With the support of Hackney's cabinet members and the police we wrote to all schools last term with regard to E scooter use by staff, parents and students and the fact that use of them continues to be illegal on the roads and pavements of Hackney. A copy is attached to this email so please take the time to share this with everyone at the school.

## Morningside Primary School's Special Delivery

The pupils at Morningside Primary School were the recipients of a special delivery in December when festive hampers donated by community organisation BADU arrived by cargo bike at their doorstep. BADU teamed up with micro mobility provider 'Beryl' to transport the hampers via Cargo Bike Share, the UK's first on-street cargo bike sharing scheme. Cargo Bike Share is funded by the Mayor of London and delivered by the council-run Zero Emissions Network, which helps residents and businesses in Tower Hamlets, Islington and Hackney save money, reduce emissions and improve local air quality. The festive initiative showed that you can be generous, community minded and

sustainable. Improve air quality and reduce your impact on the environment by choosing a cargo bike instead of a car or van when transporting goods through Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets. More info:



https://hackney.gov.uk/bike-sharing

# 2021 Winterfest

It was wonderful to be joined by so many families from local schools for our event in London Fields in December. There were bike tagging and mechanics, cargo bike hire promotion and art activities to promote the Be bright, stay in sight message. While we will be unable to hold any similar events this half term, we will be continuing to promote this message in schools by request so please get in touch.



## Missing Strider

Strider, our Walk to school mascot, was loaned out to a school shortly before the start of the pandemic and due to staff changes in our team since then, we are not sure where he currently is. He lives in a large black bag which will be hard to miss as it measures approx 1.5 metres by .75 metres. If you have any information about his/her whereabouts please contact us.

#### School crossing patrol

Our current officers are back out helping your students stay safer on their way to school/home. We will also be recruiting for 6 new School Crossing Patrol officers for various schools around the borough this term



# Road safety education and Junior road safety officers

Regardless of current/future procedures around covid, we will continue to offer all our safer active travel engagements and programs, a list of which is attached. We can arrange to facilitate these online if physical visits are not possible. To discuss what can be offered please contact Max directly by email or phone (07966526764)..

#### Contacts:

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