



# Translink Eco Schools Travel Challenge



# What is the Translink Travel Challenge?



- **The challenge is a competition where pupils in school try to change their transport habits for 2 weeks (or more!)**
- **Pupils try to bus, bike, hike, train, scoot, even hop to school instead of just taking the car, and they record their results.**
- **Pupils can, for example - walk in groups, take the bus/train or form a cycle group!**

# What's good about it?

- **Positively changing your travelling habits reduces the amount of pollution and carbon in the atmosphere**
- **It's healthy**
- **It's more sociable**
- **It's fun**
- **It wakes you up**
- **You could win a prize!**
- **It will help your school work towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag award**



# How to take part

- Pupils record how they travel to and from school each day for the 2 week period on a personal tally sheet or class wall chart



Record your travel results for two weeks

**Think of creative ways to promote your  
Travel Challenge – have fun!!**

# Prize Categories

## Prizes

### Most Eco-Journeys

All Schools

1<sup>st</sup> place: £150 and 1 bus or rail journey for 1 class  
A further 5 x £150 for runners up

- *As % of total eco-journeys travelled by pupils*

### Best Pupil

All Schools

£50 book token *and* family travel ticket for the  
winning pupil (5 further family travel tickets for the  
runners up)

- *Nominate your Transport Hero. The most  
inspiring pupil who really sets the standard high  
for sustainable transport to school with a short  
explanation why.*



# Examples of how to get started

- **Walk to school with friends in your bubble or create a walking bus with your classroom bubble**
- **Take on the challenge and do your best!**
- **Take the bus with your parents or the friends in your bubble (but remember to wear a mask on board for your own safety and the one of people around)**
- **Have a 'Bike for Breakfast' day – get your reward for being so committed**
- **Work out how many eco-miles you could save.**

**Magherafelt Primary School set themselves a 'Lap the Lough Challenge'. They saved 1183½ eco-miles as a school and 'Lapped the Lough' 14 times!**



# Submit your results

- The Travel Challenge can be run any term. So you have more flexibility to take part in any **2 weeks** which suit you. Do the challenge more than once if you wish! **The latest date you can start is 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.**
- Record your results on the wall chart or individual tally chart and submit via the Eco-Schools online Data Zone.
- Send your results to [eco-schools@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:eco-schools@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org) by **16<sup>th</sup> May 2022** to be in with a chance of winning a prize!
- Receive your prize/certificate at the Translink Celebration Event in June.



**Good Luck!!**