



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

Post- Primary

£300

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

Most Improved Class

Primary

£300

- *Greatest change away from car use by pupils*

Best Pupil

All Schools

£50 book token

- *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 that of everyone else)**
- **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 4th May 2021.**
- Record your results on the wall chart or individual tally chart and submit via the Eco-Schools online Data Zone.
- Send your results to Francesca.DiPalo@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org by **18th May 2021** to be in with a chance of winning a prize!
- Receive your prize/certificate at the Translink Celebration in June.



Good Luck!!