

Healthy Schools Greenwich

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Please note our updated Healthy Schools email address for all correspondence:
healthy-schools@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



Food for Life Award

There are spaces available for schools to join the Food for Life award this year. The tiered award scheme from the Soil Association provides schools with a framework to help them improve food education, standards and shape culture within the classroom, dining room and wider school community.

School joining the award benefit from free membership, access to the Food for Life resources portal, online training opportunities and support from Public Health to progress through criteria. More information can found on [their website](#), and interested schools can send an email to: emma.eaves-anderson@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



Create a buzz about bees

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust was established because of serious concerns about the 'plight of the bumblebee'. Over the past century, our bumblebee populations have crashed in the UK, with two species being declared nationally extinct and several others declining dramatically.

Bumblebees are familiar and much-loved insects that pollinate our crops and wildflowers, and the Trust as part of their five year strategy have an aim to enhance the understanding of bumblebee ecology and conservation across the nation. As part of this they have a range of fun and educational activities for pupils from four years to 11 plus. Their range of discovery, play, creativity and problem-solving activities include:

- conducting a bumblebee survey
- laying your own edible hedgerow
- planting herbs for bumblebees
- bumblebee identification
- contributing to the Big Bee Walk Data research project

Find all resources here: <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/learning-zone/>



Cost of living support

The Royal Borough of Greenwich knows times are tough as the cost of living crisis deepens. There is support for residents available from the council, local charities, and community groups.

Details of support available, across housing, energy, food, childcare, mental health and more visit the Council website: [Helping you through this crisis | Cost of living support | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](#)

If you or any families are in crisis and need support now, call the Live Well Greenwich for free on: 0800 470 4831.



Save the date for Cook and Share

Food for Life's [Cook and Share Month](#) is back for 2022, beginning on World Food Day on **Sunday 16th October**, until **Friday 18th November**.

Cook and Share is a month-long celebration for community volunteers, schools and communities to get together, build relationships and use food to connect. Schools can host a cooking session, lunch share or family event, getting the whole school community to Cook and Share together. You could even involve your local care home or allotment group and open your doors to your community!

[Register your cooking event here](#) and if you [sign up to the newsletter](#) you'll be the first to receive free resources, recipes and toolkits.



Survey on the school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme

The PPMI research institute is conducting an EU-wide survey as part of the evaluation of the EU School fruit, vegetables and milk scheme. Parents and teachers are invited to participate in the survey and share opinions about the Scheme. Answers will help to improve the school food systems across the EU and make them healthier and more sustainable.

The Commission has launched a review of this Scheme as part of the Farm to Fork Strategy and efforts to move towards more healthy and sustainable food systems across the EU. This survey is part of the activities to evaluate the Scheme, focusing on

whether it has been effective in fostering healthy food production, distribution, and consumption, is relevant to the current and evolving needs and wishes of the European citizens and adds value to national initiatives and priorities in the Member States.

The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and it is completely anonymous. To participate in the survey, please visit: [2022 DG AGRI EU School Scheme - National stakeholders \(ppmi.lt\)](https://ppmi.lt) Please share your experience until 14th October.



Street Tag School's Best Practice Virtual Conference

A Street Tag School's Best Practice Virtual Conference is planned for **19th October** from **4 pm to 5:30 pm** for participating schools.

The purpose of this school's conference is to hear from schools using Street Tag about their experience with using the app, capture feedback, learn more about any issues that schools might have that we can look into, and also learn their best practices for getting the best use out of the app for their families. The summary of the best practices will form added to the toolkit as an additional guide for schools.

Any schools interested in attending can contact Meenakshi Jain: meenakshi@streettag.co.uk