



# BLING YOUR BIKE

SUITABLE  
AUDIENCES:  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS

Activity Guidance for Schools [www.travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk)

## Learning Objectives

- ✎ Popularise, normalise and celebrate active travel and make it fun.
- ✎ Promote creativity and self-expression

## Overview

Suitable for nursery and primary school pupils. Supports the PSHE and Art and Design National Curriculum.

Bling your bike (or sparkle your scooter) invites your pupils' to ride their bicycle or scooter to school and then have fun decorating it ready for a grand parade. It encourages children to travel actively to school and offers an opportunity for creativity and is suitable for all pupils who have their own bike or scooter.

At the end of the activity, pupils can parade their blinged-up bikes and sparkled scooters around the playground whilst teachers select the best entries to win a prize. Parents and carers can also be invited to cheer on the parade.

You may want to think about safety concerns of adding extra materials to a bike and be careful to inspect the pupils' bikes once they've finished decorating to make sure there are no materials anywhere that could get stuck or rub against the wheels or brakes.





## Resources Needed

### EQUIPMENT:

- ✂ Art materials to decorate bikes. Stickers, fabric, tinsel, streamers are all good materials to get started with but there are lots of other possibilities too- see what you have available in your school or ask the wider community for donations, or alternatively ask pupils to decorate their bikes or scooters at home and just bring them in for a parade. You can also have a theme to inspire your pupils.
- ✂ Pupils will need their own bike or scooter and permission from parents/guardians to decorate it.

## Activity Steps

- 1. Get planning** - Form a team or work with your Junior Explorers Ambassadors to agree the best date for the activity and find out if there is budget available for materials. Alternatively ask for decoration donations from the school community.
- 2. Choose your theme** - Inspire creativity in your pupils by having fun with your theme, some ideas might be: the seasons, space, history, nature, or why not connect it with a current project?
- 3. Send out blingvites** - Send out an information letter with a permission slip for parents/carers and ask them to join you for the grand parade!
- 4. Go bling crazy** - Have fun with your pupils creating their themed bikes and scooters and bring your own to join in the fun!
- 5. The grand parade** - Take lots of photos of the grand parade and congratulate your winners with prizes or medals for their efforts.
- 6. Tell your story** - Sign in to TfL Travel for Life to add your story and include pupils' feedback. Explain the activity and add photos and any posters or promotional material. Feedback to your borough officer.

## What activities can be evidenced on TfL Travel for Life as part of this?

- ✂ **Bling your bike** – for the activity itself
- ✂ **Staff Involvement** – Get staff to bring bikes in and take part to act as positive role models. You could even run a separate competition for staff!

