



Car-free zones are set to be trialled outside seven primary schools in Glasgow!

The scheme would see temporary pedestrian areas created at busy times in the morning and afternoon to help ensure pupils can arrive and leave school safely.

The push for the pilot programme follows concerns over poor and risky driving outside schools, obstructive parking that forces pupils on to the road as well as the issues created by congestion and harmful emissions.

The proposals are currently being considered during a consultation by Glasgow City Council.

The schools chosen for the pilot have a history of complaints and concerns about pupil safety on the school run.

Would you like this to happen at your school?



Pictured: A typical school sign.

Children driving themselves to theatre!



Pictured: Mini Tesla's were donated by the UK Tesla Owners Group to many hospital children's wards including Worcester Acute NHS Hospitals, picture taken from the hospital's Twitter page.

James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough has announced that it is trying to ease the stress of going to the operating theatre, by allowing children to drive themselves there!

The children are now driving a toy car from the hospital's mini fleet to their operations. It is hoped that this will allow them to stay calm and make the potentially unnerving journey much more bearable.

This approach has been adopted by several hospital trusts and is proving to be popular with the young patients. Bradford Royal Infirmary's consultant radiologist Jon Martin arranged for the tiny Tesla to be donated to the children's ward there because he is a member of the UK Tesla Owners Group.

He said "This car will mean that our day surgery patients will be able to ferry themselves from our children's day care unit to our operating theatres and radiology departments in style. We are hoping that it is something they'll look forward to and will divert their attention and take their minds off the procedures ahead."



Nuneaton school camera captures Buzzard visit!



Pictured: A typical Buzzard.

Every year, educators from every corner of the UK take part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch, turning their students into conservation scientists and helping to track the ups and downs of birds across the country.

Pupils at Michael Drayton Junior School in Nuneaton took part this year, seeing many birds including Blue Jays and Starlings. They also saw Buzzards, Foxes and Badgers on their school camera. Many of them said they had loved the experience.

The Buzzard is now the most common and widespread UK bird of prey. It is quite large with broad, rounded wings, and a short neck and tail. It can be seen flying at any time of the year and its presence may also be given away by its plaintive, cat-like "pee-uu" call. Buzzards can grow over 50cm long with a wingspan of up to 137cm.

Did your school take part? What did you see?

British teen becomes youngest person to row solo across any ocean!

Lukas Hartzmann also known as The Wild Oarsman, rowed 4,800km from the Canary Islands to English Harbour in Antigua as part of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

The 18-year-old from Windsor, beat two world records by becoming the youngest person to row across any ocean solo, and the first Austrian (his father is from Austria) to row solo across the Atlantic. He was also the fastest solo rower from the 2018 challenge, completing it in 59 days, eight hours and 22 minutes.

During his nearly two months at sea Lukas saw dolphins (which he swam with), a whale swam under his boat, he also saw fish and even a turtle.

He said "I did see a lot of pollution, some which had been there for a long time, which was awful. Being out on the ocean for that long made me really respect it. There's no messing around, and you really have to have your wits about you."

Lukas is hoping his feat will help inspire other youngsters to push themselves at whatever they want.



Pictured: Lukas Hartzmann in his boat, taken from thewildoarsman Twitter page.

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