

Road Safety Education in Hampshire

The Road Safety Education Newsletter for Primary School Teachers

Summer 2018

JRSO training

The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme promotes peer to peer education with pupils sharing our key road safety messages to the rest of their school - ensuring young people are aware of the dangers of the road from an early age.

With 225 child casualties in Hampshire in 2016 and traffic being the biggest single cause of accidental death for 12 - 16 year olds, it is essential that children understand the importance of crossing the road safely, cycling safely, travelling safely in every vehicle and being seen to traffic - as a pedestrian and cyclist.



To get our key messages across to the children in a fun and interactive way, we want to encourage every Junior and Primary school in Hampshire to take part in our Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme, where two children from each school are nominated to become JRSOs and they teach their peers through assemblies, competitions, notice boards as well as any other memorable ways!

New JRSOs are invited to attend one of our fun and practical training days shown below. The aim of the day is to provide them with both the knowledge and tools to return to school and teach their peers all about road safety and how to keep themselves safe on or near the roads.

As part of the training day, the Road Safety Team are supported by Heart FM who help the children create a road safety radio advert as well as Hampshire County Council's School Travel Planning Team who share practical ways of supporting the idea of sustainable travel and improving safety and congestion outside your school.

The training days for the next academic year are taking place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 9 October 2018 - Hampshire Court Hotel, Basingstoke**
- **Friday 2 November 2018 - Botley Park Hotel, Boorley Green**

If you would like to register your school for the training, please email jrso@hants.gov.uk with the name of your school, a person's contact name and email address and which day you would like to attend before **Friday 8 June 2018**.

Please be aware that if you already have JRSOs, you only need to choose one new child to be your Year 5 JRSO. Only one new JRSO will be able to attend the training due to space at the venue.





On Wednesday 13 June, thousands of children across the country will put their best feet forward to take part in Brake's Kids Walk. The walk, co-ordinated by Brake, the road safety charity and sponsored by Coop Insurance, promotes road safety and the health and planet-saving benefits of walking whilst getting the children to raise awareness of important road safety messages in their community:

- Foot paths
- Cycle Paths
- Safe places to cross the road
- Slow traffic
- Clean air

Educators can register to receive their free action pack full of posters, lesson plans and activities to help their school get involved. For more information visit brake.org.uk/kidswalk or email kidswalk@brake.org.uk.

Run a Beep Beep! Day to engage your pupils in road safety basics.

Beep Beep! Days, sponsored by Churchill, are a great opportunity for educators to introduce children to road safety basics, with fun activities and resources provided by Brake, the road safety charity. Every year thousands of young children aged 2-7 take part to help save little lives.

Every day, 500 children and young people are killed on roads around the world. Brake works to stop road deaths and injuries by campaigning for safer roads, and supports people bereaved or injured in road crashes. To help UK early years get involved with the initiative, Brake produces a range of special resources to help little ones understand road safety basics, from the importance of holding a grown up's hand to recognising when it's safe to cross. Everyone who registers to take part receives a free e-resource pack or can purchase a bumper pack for just £12.60 (per 50 children.) The bumper pack includes colouring sheets, posters, laminated activity cards, road map and A2 activity poster, certificates, stickers, balloons and themed resources to each date.

In 2017, almost 3,000 nurseries, schools and childminders registered to take part, helping spread important messages to more than 350,000 children. The event also provides an ideal opportunity to fundraise for Brake by dressing in stripy clothes in exchange for donations. Funds raised help the charity in its work to support bereaved and seriously injured road crash victims, and campaign for safer roads. Brake's 2018 national dates are:

- Wednesday 13 June 2018
- Wednesday 22 November 2018

Dave Nichols, community engagement manager at Brake, said: "Beep Beep! Days are a great way to start talking to children about basic road safety messages and also to remind adults of their responsibilities when it comes to keeping our roads safe and protecting little lives. The UN, backed by world leaders, has recognised the importance of improving road safety and raising awareness globally and we hope educators in the UK will make use of our new resources to support their cause." For more information visit brake.org.uk/beepbeepday or email beepbeep@brake.org.uk.



Do you have staff who require D1 on their driving licence to drive a minibus for your school?

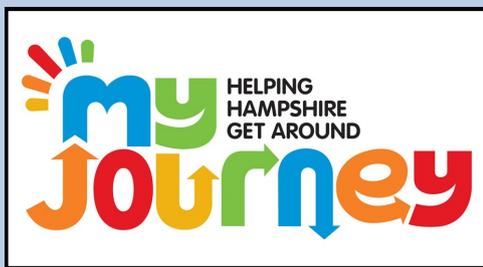
Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team operates a four day course delivered from Winchester offering:

- Use of a minibus to be used for training and D1 test
- A trainer with a first time pass rate of more than 95%
- No cost to any Hampshire school or Academy in the current financial year *



* Funding is available until at least March 2019 however, please note, this does not apply to sixth form colleges, private schools or other organisations.

If you need more information or are interested in booking a course, please contact Graham Mylward on road.safety@hants.gov.uk or (01962) 846100.



Scooter Challenge

The ever popular Scooter Challenge is back again for 2018 to get as many children as possible scooting to and from school every day from 18-22 June 2018.

The school with the highest average number of children scooting will win a Scooterpod and everyone participating will receive a My Journey sticker and two lucky pupils with the highest number of scooter journeys that week will win a family day out in Hampshire. To get involved and register visit myjourneyhampshire.com/hccscooterchallenge2018



How Sports Premium Funding can be used to encourage active travel

It's recently been confirmed that schools can now use their Sports Premium Funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport they offer. Part of this can be embedding physical activity into the school day through active travel to and from school, active playgrounds and active teaching that can encourage a lasting behaviour change. To see what active travel measures you could spend your funding on visit myjourneyhampshire.com/sports-premium-funding.

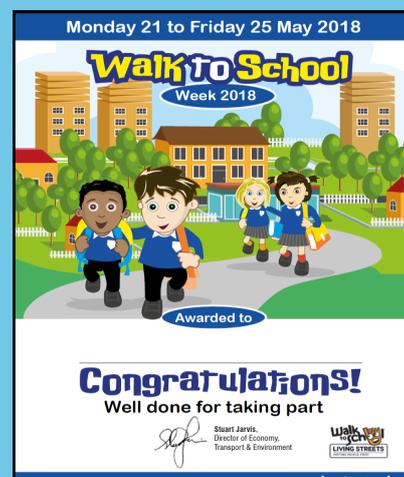
Get accredited with STARS

If your school is doing lots of positive work around road safety and sustainable travel, you could achieve national accreditation for your school through Modeshift STARS. If you would like training please get in touch with the team via the link below. The submission deadline is 31st July 2018. To find out more, visit www.myjourneyhampshire.com/education/primary-schools/modeshift-stars.



The annual Walk to School Week runs from **21 - 25 May** this year and the Road Safety Team would like to thank all schools who have registered for the event. We are pleased to announce that we have over 95,000 children taking part this year, beating last year's total again!

This week is the perfect opportunity to raise awareness of pedestrian safety, which could include teaching your pupils about the Green Cross Code as well as being visible to traffic. If your school haven't done one already, why not organise a Dress Bright Be Seen day or plan a Green Cross Code assembly. Download an interactive assembly plan from our Junior Road Safety Officer website at www.hants.gov.uk/jrso and use the opportunity to share the Tales of the Road adverts or the new DfT road safety videos available to view at www.think.gov.uk/education.



As well as showing these adverts, why not inspire your children to produce their own road safety song or rhyme by sharing the Sherfield School JRSO Stop, Look, Listen and Think video - written and performed by the children. The tune is extremely catchy and an excellent way for the children (and adults) to think about the Green Cross Code message for the rest of the day and for their journey home. The video is available to view on YouTube at the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb5Y6lakpLs.

Bikeability update

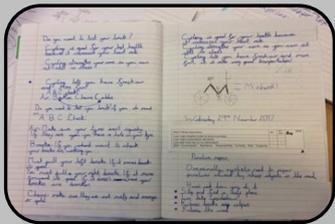


Good Luck to students who will be taking part in Bikeability this term. Please remember these top tips to stay safe and get the most out of this fantastic training –

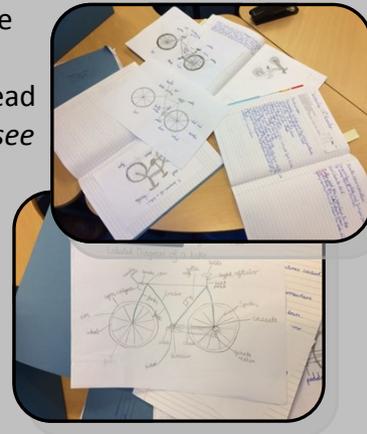
1. **Practice cycling in a park away from the road before the Bikeability week.** On the first training day, the instructors will observe the children controlling the bike and following instructions. All cyclists must pass level 1 on the playground before going on the road to take part in level 2. Further information on level 1 outcomes can be found at <https://bikeability.org.uk/what/>
2. **Bring a bottle of water.** The instructors will provide breaks during each session to ensure the children are hydrated and ready to cycle. The instructor can also carry water bottles in their bag if needed.
3. **Bikeability is not just for the road.** Bikeability fits into many aspects of school life from the playground to the classroom. From creative writing through to the physics and engineering of a bike – it is easy to apply cycling to every lesson. The DfT have provided resources and ideas on their website <https://bikeability.org.uk/resources/>.

Curriculum activities at Four Lanes Junior School

The Road Safety Team were delighted to receive photos of the excellent work taking place at Four Lanes Junior School. The instructors shared how enthusiastic and passionate the students were about cycling and this was followed up in the classroom. Simon Millard, Head of Year at Four Lanes shared the approach the school has taken to Bikeability. *'We don't see it as a stand alone activity but use it to support the children's learning by using their experiences in their English writing.'* Simon also shared how the Bikeability has been a real benefit to the school as part of the Travel Plan. It was brilliant to hear from Four Lanes and see the work the students have created. If your school has enjoyed Bikeability and would like to share any experiences we would love to hear from you too. Just send an email to road.safety@hants.gov.uk.



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Streets Ahead is a practical pedestrian training scheme offered by Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team and is aimed at Year 2 children aged 6-7 years. With many schools choosing to train in the summer, we are looking forward to many students practicing their road safety skills. If you have parents, governors or LSA staff who would like to deliver the training, please

contact the Road Safety Team. **We are currently looking for schools to host adult volunteer trainer sessions.** The session lasts 90 minutes and will be completely run by a Hampshire County Council Road Safety Officer.

The children's training consists of three practical one hour lessons, covering the objectives below:

Lesson One

- Using the Green Cross Code
- How to cross the road
- What to wear & how to behave

Lesson Two

- Choosing where to Cross
- How to use different crossings

Lesson Three

- Keeping Safe on Pavements
- Finding the Safest Route
- Playing Safely

The training allows the children to develop an increased awareness of the dangers involved when crossing the road, a sound knowledge of the Green Cross Code in an enjoyable and unique way. It also creates a community environment, allowing parents and governors an opportunity to play a vital role in their child's development. All of the material and training is free to the school.

Each school who participates will need to find volunteers who are available during the school day to run the courses. These volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age and be nominated by the head teacher. If you would like to organise a cluster date at your school please contact Aaron Gallimore on road.safety@hants.gov.uk.

