

Monmouthshire Road Safety Schools Newsletter

Summer 2018



Welcome to the summer edition of the Monmouthshire Road Safety Newsletter for Schools where we hope to keep you informed on up and coming opportunities as well as highlighting the impact of programmes running in your schools!

Please feel free to provide us with feedback and what you would like us to put in to future editions!

Geraint Roberts – Road Safety Officer



Kerbcraft is a programme dedicated to ensuring all children learn how to be safe while crossing the road, using practical training methods to improve kerbside skills and raise awareness of traffic.

This academic year has seen 714 children taking part in the Kerbcraft programme in 23 schools across Monmouthshire. Pictured here, are children in Year 1 from Thornwell Primary School, discussing, how to stand and Where to look when they come to a Road Junction, while out walking.



Children in Year 2 at Undy Primary School produced Road Safety leaflets after completing their programme.



Road Safety and keeping active!

This summer, in partnership with Monmouthshire Sports Development, we trialed the use of fitbits which count the steps member of staff done while running our kerbcraft programme. On average, children completed 53,500 steps and an average of 5 miles per child over the 10 weeks; an average of half a mile per session. In total, staff walked a whopping 374,399 steps this term and covered 187 miles between them, all while teaching vital road safety skills.

Monmouthshire Safe Cycling

This term, we have seen 5 schools and over 90 children take part in their safe cycling test on their school yard with ALL children passing, showing competent riding. A massive thank you to all the teaching staff who took the time to train the pupils to such a high level.

Monmouthshire Bikeability

Monmouthshire Council is committed to ensuring all road users are safe. With Monmouthshire at the heart of the cycling community in Wales, we are dedicated to ensuring all Children have the opportunity to learn basic cycling skills.

This Term, members of staff from Youth Service, Outdoor Education and a volunteer from Chepstow Cycling Club completed their training in National Standards. The 6 instructors will now be carrying out playground and road cycle training with children in year 5 across Monmouthshire under our brand new Monmouthshire Bikeability programme! Keep an eye out for more information in the new year!



Junior Road Safety Officers

This term has seen the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) working hard on the helmet campaign #keepalidonit. Raglan CIW, Goytre Fawr, Rogiet and Osbaston V.C all took part in a range of cycle helmet safety projects which included assemblies on why it's important to wear a helmet, survey's on who wears a helmet, helmet design competitions and a twitter selfie competition! The feedback has been fantastic with parents and children alike getting involved! Prizes for competitions were kindly donated by **Gateway Cycles** in Abergavenny, **Morrisons Abergavenny** and **Monmouthshire Sports Development**.



Rogiet Cycle to school day

'On Tuesday 10th July, Rogiet School held a cycle or scoot to school day where every child who could safely scoot on their scooter or ride on their bike to school were asked to do so. We had an amazing turn out with 123 children taking part. We also have run a selfie competition with the hashtag #putalidonit to encourage children to always wear a helmet and that helmets are cool. At Rogiet School we really want to help the environment by using less car journeys and also to help children be fitter by cycling and scooting more. During the day we had exciting cycling activities and games on the yard with Naomi Johnston from Welsh Cycling.' *Rogiet Junior Road Safety Officers.*



A massive thank you from the team to everyone who took part in any of our road safety programmes and campaigns! Already looking forward to the academic year. See you all in September!

For further information on any of the programmes and training opportunities for your teachers, volunteers and children please contact Roadsafety@monmouthshire.gov.uk Please keep us updated on your school programmes through our twitter account **@Mon_roadsafety**