## Monmouthshire Road Safety Schools Newsletter

# Autumn 2017



Welcome to the first 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 half term has seen 8 schools and a total of 224 children from Years 1 and 2 taking part in the programme across Monmouthshire. Want Kerbcraft in your school? Please contact jaynehaycock@monmouthshire.gov.uk

## **Cycle Proficiency**

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.

A massive well done to all the Year 5 pupils in Durand Primary school for passing their Safe Cycling Proficiency. The school programme, run by 3 school staff, fits into a bigger picture within the school as pupils who passed can now apply for their school cycling licence in order to ride their bikes and store them at the school in accordance to the school's own cycling policy. Pupils in Year 5 of Arch Bishop Rowan Williams CIW School also completed their Cycle Proficiency training this term with 27 children taking part in the programme.

A special mention to two of the children who have learnt to ride a bike for the first time during the school programme and will be taking the test in the near future!



Yr 5 pupils at Archbishop Rowan Williams CIW School, Portskewett

## Junior Road Safety Officers

This term saw the relaunch of our Junior Road Safety Officers programme in Monmouthshire. The programme is designed to empower children and help change local road safety issues affecting their school through:

- Raising awareness amongst their peers, teachers and local community
- Running local campaigns, combatting local road safety issues
- Gaining confidence and leadershiprelated skills while making a difference within their school!

For more information regarding Junior Road Safety Officers in your school, please get in touch!



#### Road Safety Week

Monmouthshire will be taking part in Road Safety Week between 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November! The message this year is #speeddownsaveslives and there are plenty of ways to push this through your school and local community! We are looking forward to working with a range of partners on this to ensure the message gets out and reaches as many people as possible!

If you want to get involved in this, please let me know!



We are now on twitter! Please follow us @Mon\_RoadSafety



We need you!

We want to showcase all the good work going on in Monmouthshire! Do you have a good news story or information that you would like to see feature in the next edition? Please get in touch!

Email Roadsafety@monmouthshire.gov.uk

### **Dates for the Diary**

Road Safety Week 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November

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