

Monmouthshire Road Safety Schools Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Welcome to the second 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

During the Autumn Term, 224 of the children across Monmouthshire have taken part in the kerbcraft programme, a fantastic achievement!

They have all had practical experience at the roadside of practising and discussing how important

it is to stop at the kerb, look correctly and be able to see where traffic is coming from before crossing the road.

Parents of one child said.

"We have noticed a definite improvement in our son's behaviour near roads since he has taken part in Kerbcraft.

He now stops at kerbs, looks and waits to be told it's safe to cross and no longer runs out into the road without thinking.

It's made going out with him a lot safer."

By the end of term, all the children who have completed the scheme will have received a certificate and a high vis bag to use, to help them be seen at the roadside.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Since the relaunch of the JRSO programme in Monmouthshire, we have seen some fantastic examples of leadership, organisation and implementation of key messages through a range of campaigns:

At Osbaston we have had a busy first term to the school year. Our JRSOs have been appointed and they have been busy organising road safety activities for the whole school to raise the profile for road safety awareness. This term the school had fun dressing in really brightly colour clothes for the "Be Safe. Be Seen" campaign. The best dressed were awarded prizes and appeared in our school news letter. We have enjoyed working with Monmouthshire and have lots planned for the coming months. Matilda Thomsett and Sam Chilton (Year 6 JRSOs Osbaston CiW School)

Road Safety Week

A massive thank you to all the schools that took part in Road Safety Week in November. With 7 schools taking part and running poster competitions, awareness days and road safety workshops, we definitely raised the profile of road safety in Monmouthshire! Please see some highlights of the week below:

Castle Park and Archbishop Rowan Williams CIW schools took part in Road Safety week by accessing Road Safety Workshops based on 'being safe around your community.' Over 100 children access the sessions, each contributing with thoughtful discussions and suggestions on how to be safe!

Trellech and Goytre Fawr ran poster competitions based on #speeddownsaveslives throughout the week with some fantastic posters created by all children!

At Durand Primary School during Road Safety Week we ran a competition for "speed down save lives". We showed a powerpoint in assembly on Road Safety and spoke to the school about the importance of the campaign. We asked pupils to design a poster to tell adults to slow down because there are children nearby. We chose two winners from Foundation Phase and two winners Key Stage Two and we awarded prizes to the winners. We have laminated the winning posters and displayed the posters in the parent car park. (Written by Year 5 and Year 6 JRSOs Durand Primary School)



Shirenewton Primary school ran a poster competition, organised by their Healthy Schools team:

'We asked every class to look on the internet and research road safety. We told every class to do a poster with the #speeddownsaveslives. We got together in our committee and voted for the winners. 2 winners in every class, Kate and Phoebe were doing lots of information of how to keep safe on the road they won in Y4. It was 2 people from each class who won, they had prizes - there was a road safety bag and key chain and a slap band and

some other things. The teachers, staff, parents and children had photos taken with the #speeddownsaveslives sign. It was fun!' By Lowri Vaux & Ben Morcombe (Shirenewton JRSOs)



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 Roadxsafety@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary

- January-March – Seatbelt Campaign (JRSO project)

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_roadssafety**