

# Monmouthshire Road Safety Schools Newsletter

## Spring 2018



Welcome to the next 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!

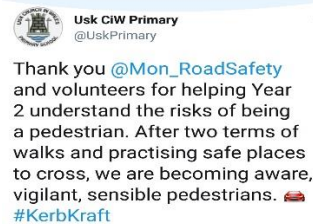
Please feel free to provide us with feedback and what you would like us to put in to future editions!

**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 term has seen 8 schools and a total of 238 children from years 1 and 2 taking part in the programme across Monmouthshire.



### National Standards

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, we are delighted to have launched our National Standards cycle training in partnership with Newport Live and Newport Sports Development. We took the training to Trellech and Raglan CiW and delivered the Level 1 element to 58 pupils in year 6.

Keep an eye out for further developments in the programme!



### Junior Road Safety Officers

The team at Goytre Fawr primary school have been doing some fantastic work around #speeddownsaveslives:

The Year 6 School Council and House Captains of Goytre Fawr School ran a road safety competition after having a visit from Robert Brown an Officer from "Go Safe" and hearing about Monmouthshire's #speeddownsaveslives campaign. The School Council and House Captains had the opportunity to join Mr Brown in the "Go Safe" van and were looking for anyone without a seatbelt on, anyone on a mobile phone and if the vehicle was going more than the 20mph speed limit. The children decided that they should organise a competition to design a poster all about road safety to enter into Monmouthshire's #speeddownsaveslives competition during road safety week to make adults think about their speed on School Lane to keep the children safe. The three winners of the #speeddownsaveslives competition for Goytre Fawr were Leyla Cagiran, Mason Perry and Bethan Sowrey. Then we heard the exciting news that Geraint Roberts, Road Safety Officer was arranging for these winning posters to be made into signs to display outside our school on School Lane.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, we held an assembly with Geraint Roberts to show off Leyla, Mason and Bethan's wonderful signs to our school.

They are amazing and will really grab people's attention when driving past Goytre School. Congratulations to our winners and a huge thank you to Mr Roberts.

Another exciting thing to look forward to is a campaign to aim for people to always wear a helmet whilst riding a bicycle or scooter. We are hoping to run a second competition organised by School Council and are looking forward to discussing it with Mr Roberts very soon.



By Lucy Child and Seren North, Year 6

Would you like Junior Road Safety Officers in your school? Let us know and we can come in and help get you started!

Next Term, JRSO's will be running campaigns on the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling and scooting! Want to be part of the campaign? Get in touch!

### Road Safety Website



We are proud to announce that our BRAND NEW Road Safety website will be live at the start of next term! The website will promote all things road safety in schools and the community

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Want to help children in Monmouthshire to become safer at the road side?
- Want to develop skills in working with children?
- Have a few hours every week spare?

Kerbcraft is an excellent programme run across Monmouthshire during the school day! Get in touch to find out more!

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