



Road Safety Newsletter

January 2018

In October we held the annual Road Safety Quiz in conjunction with the Community Safety Team in the fantastic venue of Dwr-Y-Felin school. It was Chloe's first Road Safety quiz as Primary Coordinator and she was very pleased that over 40 schools attended and the standard was extremely high. Well done to all those who took part and thank you for all of your hard work and lovely positive feedback.

We are looking forward to the Crucial Crew event in Margam Park which will take place for the Year 6 pupils in the summer of 2018.

With many changes in schools again this year, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of what is available to you all.

Looking forward to working with you and please don't hesitate to contact me.

Through this newsletter I have outlined the following:

Facebook, twitter, website information and contacts.

Road Safety Classroom Education

School Gate Parking

Road Safety Walks

Scooter & Bike Training

Balance Bikes

Cycle Training

Many thanks,

Chloe Lyons

Website, Facebook and Twitter

Contact Details

There are many of ways you can contact us and keep up to date with road safety information or see more about the courses we offer to all age groups.

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Road Safety Education

Our Primary School Coordinator, Chloe Lyons is available to deliver a variety of road safety sessions as outlined in this news letter. For more information contact Chloe on 01639 686828 or e mail c.lyons@npt.gov.uk

Chloe delivers classroom sessions, focusing on a story and role play with Foundation Phase and PowerPoint presentations and discussions with Key stage 2. These are approximately 30 minutes per class or if you prefer Chloe can also address the whole school with a Road Safety assembly.



School Gate Parking

Congestion outside schools put all pupils in danger when attempting to cross the road and we ask that you support us and your school in our action to address this matter.

If you would like a reminder assembly on this subject, which unfortunately is an issue for us all, then please let Chloe know.

Also working in conjunction with the Police we have held many patrols outside the school gates, usually accompanied by pupils to distribute leaflets directly to parents.



Road Safety Walks

A valuable session after classroom education are some practical walks, class by class. These allow an opportunity for pupils to put into practice how to cross the road safely in real situations. These walks are not as intensive as Kerbcraft which is only available in certain schools, dependent on criteria, However these walks available for all age groups.



Walk to School events are still available, however due to less staff in the team, "Henson the Hedgehog" would need to be a volunteer from the school or a parent or you can walk to school without him. Chloe will provide the letters and risk assessment.



Scooter & Bike Skills

The Cycle / Scooter session will take place in the school yard and will cover some basic skills of safety and control for Reception—Year 6 children.

The Road Safety Unit strongly recommends that the children wear a cycle helmet during this session and at all times when cycling / scooting.

Scooters are often children's first wheels and in an aim to prevent injury the session covers:

Pavement etiquette

Basic control

Looking out for hazards

Stopping quickly

Staying alert!

During the sessions, bike safety will focus on:

Getting the pupils to have control on the bike

Basic skills of stopping and starting

Encouraging pupils to get more skillful on their bikes by moving in and out of obstacles

Showing them that they need to slow down in order to have the most control on their bikes.



Balance Bikes

The Road Safety team has recently had two new sets of balance bikes. Altogether we have five sets of 8 balance bikes and helmets to bring to school to use with your nursery and reception pupils. Balance bikes make the transition to pedal bikes more of a natural journey. This is a fun session to create a positive experience of cycling at an early age. Pupils learn to :

Pick up and manoeuvre bikes

Mount and dismount bikes unaided

Learn skills to move the bike safely with balance

Improve balance

Gliding

Braking

Turning and taking control of the bike



Cycle Training

The Road Safety team offer cycle training for all ages. We believe it is important that children have a positive experience of cycling from an early age and hopefully our training will encourage this.



Cycle Awareness Session—Level 1(Year 5-6)

Cycle Awareness sessions are all about teaching basic skills to help pupils have greater control of their bike in readiness for independent travel on the road. Approximately a 45 session in the school yard.

This level one session is in readiness for independent travel and for the next stage of our on road training course. It is the most advanced of our yard training sessions where pupils are shown what to check for on their bikes as opposed to it being done for them at the lower levels. The pupils skills are developed to looking over their right shoulder and beginning arm signals in readiness for on road cycling.



Cycle Craft Training– Level 2 On road Cycle Training (Year 6 pupils) ROBIN JONES

Cycle Craft training is a scheme with which we know you are all familiar. Cycle Craft is an on-road scheme which teaches a variety of important manoeuvres essential for safe independent riding. Robin Jones, Cycle Craft Coordinator will organise schools and will contact them in advance.





Drive for Life



Are you or someone you know looking to.....

Brush up on your driving skills?

Gain more confidence ?

Improve your knowledge?

Looking to return to driving after a period away
from the wheel?

NO TEST !

New dates added for our FREE Drive for Life course!
This full day course is aimed at improving your individual
skills to make you a more confident driver.

Half day theory &
Half day practical training with a qualified instructor.
(Lunch provided)

Ring 01639 686828

for further information and to book your place!



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government





Do you know anyone who has recently passed their driving test?

Pass Plus Cymru is an enhanced version of the standard Pass Plus course and is supported by the Driving Standards Agency.

It is a short expert led higher driving course designed to develop techniques, increase awareness and widen experience.

Pass Plus Cymru includes a group interactive three—hour theory session and a day of intensive practical in-car training. The courses are available to anybody 17—25 in the Neath Port Talbot area, preferably within the first year of passing their test. It's available to young people in Wales for just £20 as the rest is covered by Welsh Government through grant funding to the local authorities.

Here's how it works...

You'll focus on:

- Heading off on the motorway
- Driving techniques and hazard awareness
- Getting around at night
- Coping with busy towns and cities
- Driving on rural country roads
- Thinking ahead - just like you're doing now

What do you get from it?

- Better driving skills
- More chance of lower insurance*
- Less chance of a collision or injuring yourself, friends and others

The Road Safety Team will also be happy to answer any queries you may have. 01639 686828.

For more information and to book onto a course, log onto:
www.dragondriver.com or call 0845 050 4255