

KCC - TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS NEWSLETTER

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RESPONSIBLE PARKING

In the last few weeks I have noticed that there is a higher volume of “traffic” visiting our Responsible Parking websites (excuse the terrible pun – I couldn’t resist!).

This is great to see as, after reading copious amounts of School Travel Plans and Annual Reviews each month, I can safely say that dangerous and irresponsible parking around Kent schools is still an all too common problem. Whilst you can of course download resources online, if you would rather save your print costs, I am happy to send out leaflets, flyers, “tickets” and weatherproof banners. I have a large supply of each so just get in touch; you can call me or drop me an email – iona.rogulski@kent.gov.uk - and let me know the name of your school and roughly how many pupils you have at the school and I will ensure that the resources are sent out to you ASAP.

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OPERATION MOTION

National Walking Month (that's May to those of you who are not aware of this annual installment - shame on you-) has come to an end and with it, the Operation Motion : Giant Steps Challenge.

All of the ten classes taking part have done a fabulous job of representing their school and getting themselves and their families travelling more actively to school every day for the duration of a month.

So, finishing at the top of our league table, we have:

- In 3rd Place: St John's Catholic Primary School
- In 2nd Place: Herne Church of England Junior School
- In 1st Place: St Francis Catholic Primary School

Every child who participated in the challenge will be receiving a certificate and those in the top three classes will all receive pedometers as well. Not only that but Herne CofE Junior School have won a brand new scooter pod courtesy of cyclepods ltd. And the 1st Prize winners have won a Themed Walk to School – Musical Event with Marching Brass Band “Big Bold Brass”. Thank you again to all of the wonderful classes who took part and to their teachers for tracking their progress.

@KENTSCHOOLRUN

followers : 59

Less #RoadRage more Road Space please! Keep your eyes peeled the launch- 01/01/2017 @KentSchoolRun will help you to beat the #congestion! 03:30 PM (GMT)



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Just a reminder - we (KCC) have toolkits suitable for both Primary and Secondary School to use. We have found that safer parking messages are best received when this comes from the children to the wider school community. And whilst some Primary schools may not feel comfortable with their pupils discussing the dangers of irresponsible parking with those adults at drop off or collection time, you can of course use the resources as awareness raising efforts if that would better suit the needs and aims of the school.

As for our Secondary Schools, this "Responsible Parking Squad" toolkit does include 5x FREE "RPS" Hoodies. For this type of initiative, we have found that once again, schools report that drivers have been hugely responsive and have demonstrated great parking behaviour changes when the Squad members have engaged directly with these parents and provide educational information and alternative collection/drop off points. You can find the toolkits at either of the responsible parking websites (listed at bottom of the newsletter).



Picture: Responsible Parking Squad members at The Charles Dickens School, keeping their local roads clear of dangerous and irresponsible parking.



Picture: @hernecej posted this brilliant picture of some of their wonderfully designed Giant Steps Trainers!

HEADS UP:

Capital Grant Funding

The closing date for the Capital Grant Funding Applications has been extended by one week. This means that schools now have until 5pm on Friday 16th June 2017 to submit the annual review and grant application via the Jambusters site.

Cycles Loans, Coming Soon!

The Cycles are to be loaned to staff/students who would like to try cycling to work/school. They will be loaned to individuals for 3 months at a time. After 1 year the school can keep the cycles and can do what they wish with them - continue a loaning scheme or issue them to people on a permanent basis. Or the school can use them in a different way - whatever would suit your school.

Cycle Repair Workshops

Possibly one for your school newsletters?! Cycle Circle will be hosting a number of FREE "cycle workshops" especially for adults and (accompanied teens). Find out more at <http://cyclecircle.co.uk/cycleworkshop/>

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