

KCC - TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS NEWSLETTER

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FROM ME TO YOU

Happy New Year

LET'S MAKE IT AWESOME

"Happy Mid-Academic Year" continued...

Just like last year, 10 classes will be able to sign up to see who can emerge as "Kent's most active travellers"!

Teachers will receive all of the resources they need to record the active school run journeys in a way that is fun and interactive for the children taking part.

In order to be as fair as possible, again, each placement will be offered on a first come first serve basis and primary schools will be able to sign up just one class each.

To sign up you can contact me for your application form which will need to be returned to secure your spot! and of course, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Ready... Steady... Go!!

HAPPY MID-ACADEMIC YEAR!

Welcome back one and all, I hope you enjoyed the Christmas/New Year "break" (which now seems such a distant memory for so many of us)!

I must admit that whilst my return to work felt laboured and torturous - with the only saving grace being coffee and lots of it - I am now back into the swing of things and am rather looking forward to the next few months ahead of us...

One of my projects that I am particularly excited to tell you about is the return of the fabulous Operation Motion : Giant Steps active travel challenge. As some of you may recall, last year, during the National Walking Month of May, 10 Kent primary school classes were invited to take part in an active travel challenge and went head to head to see who could reach the top of our online leaderboard and win a range of exciting prizes!

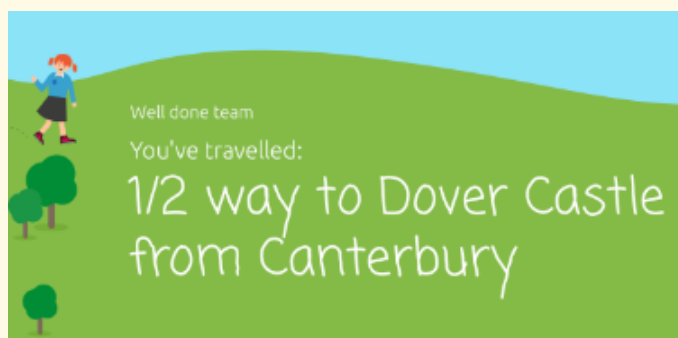


@KENTSCHOOLRUN

followers : 82

As well as improving #airquality, you can enjoy new scenic routes, talk more with the little ones and generally find enjoyment in your #schoolrun
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MORE 2018 PLANS... (IDEAS AND SUPPORT WELCOME!)

The end of 2017 saw me attending conferences, sitting in on meetings and responding to emails where the same questions are still, predictably, being asked. Like, "how do we reduce the number of cars used on the am/pm school run?", "how do we combat poor parking outside schools?", "how do we encourage more sustainable travel to/from school?" .

And unfortunately, these are still the same ones I am asking myself! On the plus side, these issues help me to focus my thoughts and come up with new and innovative ways to combat, educate and overcome these conundrums.

Some of the ideas I have moving forward include:

- * Developing the Responsible Parking Toolkits for both Primary and Secondary School settings.
- * Active Travel Challenges
- * Park & Stride events
- * Car Free Zones

If you have any ideas or suggestions for events and innovative initiatives that could help us achieve our joint goals, then please drop me an email and let's see if we can tackle this together!



HEADS UP:

Volunteers Wanted!

Sustrans, the charity whose aim is to make it easier to walk and cycle are recruiting champions to look after off-road cycle routes in Dartford and Gravesham. Please share this information with teachers or parents who walk/cycle to school and use shared use paths and would like to help to keep them in top condition for everyone.

Find out more here:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/volunteer/get-involved/vacancies/volunteer-community-route-champions-dartford-and-gravesham>



2017 Annual Reviews Are Now Closed.

The window of opportunity to complete your 2017 annual review has now closed. The 2018 Annual Reviews will open for completion around April/May 2018.



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