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THIS YEAR'S WINNERS THE BRENT PRIMARY, 5SB

So I have a nice happy story to share before you all break for your lovely summer holidays...

On Friday 29th June I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying the class of 5SB from The Brent Primary, together with their teacher, Miss Brown and their families, on their Brass Band Walk To School Event which they won after placing 1st in the Operation Motion active travel challenge!

We identified a suitable meeting point approx half a mile from the school gates that enabled parents to easily drop of their children or park up so they could walk with us.

Our walk took us along a lovely public footpath across a field, almost directly to the school gates! The sun was shining, the meadow flowers were in full bloom and the children were loving it!

As well as being able to run a little more wild and enjoy the walk without the worry of cars and nasty air quality, we were able to make as much noise as we liked with our





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"This year's winners..." cont. brass band - which is exactly what the children did as Miss Brown had handed lots of lovely instruments before the walk began so that the children could all join in!

As we entered the school we were lead onto the school field where the rest of the school were applauding in their peers and were also able to enjoy and couple more songs from our musical friends. It was a truly brilliant morning and I hope the whole school community will continue to keep up and enjoy their active school journeys!

(But let's face it; you'll never beat a brass band walk to school will you!?...)



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followers: 95

Stopping traffic for a #brassband walk to school with @BrentPrimary . What fun we all had last Friday with our #ActiveTravel! 03/07/18

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AND OUR RUNNERS UP -WHITSTABLE JUNIOR SCHOOL & WEST HILL PRIMARY ACADEMY

As you will all know by now, when you take part in my Operation Motion active travel challenge, your school will be competing to come first to the top of the online leaderboard. This year, in second and third place we had Whitstable Junior School and West Hill Primary Academy, respectively. All of the children who take part in the month long challenge will receive a certificate for taking part but those that come in the top 3, I have the pleasure of meeting to be able to personally hand them their certificates, individual prizes (this year it was sports watches) and of course present to them their school prize!

For West Hill Primary Academy, coming third, they were awarded hi-vis walking bus waistcoats for their school to use for walk to school initiatives or school outings to ensure they're seen out and about.

Whitstable Junior school won themselves a scooter pod, which they ordered in their school colours - red and black. What I really loved about these guys when I visited is that they had kept a keen eye on their position on the leaderboard throughout and May and we in 1st place for the majority and were JUST overtaken at the last minute; so whilst they were of course disappointed about missing out or our exciting walk to school event, they told me that "second prize was even better because their whole school enjoy it. What a fabulous little bunch!? Keep up the great work Whitstable Junior School!

I can't wait to see you all again next year!

ReCycle Bike Sale; Saturday 21st July at Goldwyn School, Ashford

Cycle Community has recycled 391 bikes back into local communities across Kent in the last year and they're looking forward to reaching 400 bikes very soon! Their next bike sale is happening on Saturday 21st July (10-1pm) at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). and guess what - they're offering the 400th bike FREE to the lucky and hopefully very happy recipient! to find out

more, visit: www.cyclecommunity.org



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HEADS UP:

Book in for Bikeability! Bikeability courses for the 2018/19 academic year can now be booked.

Similarly to previous years, my colleagues from Bikeability are offering the following training: Levels 1 & 2 for Year 6 Pupils, and Year 5 (in terms 5 and 6 only).

Children must be able to ride a bike before starting this course. This programme will teach them how to control their bicycle fully, to make manoeuvres safely. It will also show them how to complete basic bike safety checks and improve their knowledge of the Highway code and important road signs.

To book, simply fill in and submit the online form at: http://www.kelsi.org.uk/Curr iculum/curriculumresources/road-safety/cycletraining

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