

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School

Road Safety Newsletter

June 2016



Our Infant and Junior school house nearly 1000 pupils. On Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 10am we took part in BRAKE's Record Breaking 'Giant Walking Bus' to engage children in road safety, raise awareness of the dangers of traffic and encourage drivers to slow down around schools.



The children took part in road safety activities in school prior to the event and entered a competition to design a 'road safety poster', the posters were used on the day to encourage drivers to slow down, drive safely and park legally.



The event gave the children a voice, calling on drivers to make our streets safer for walking and cycling.



The children made their voices heard by marching and shouting "20 is plenty" and "There's no need, kill your speed" to encourage drivers to slow down in our community so they can enjoy a healthy, fun and active lifestyle without being endangered.



Parents were invited to join our campaign by standing on the pavement on Pilch Lane (opposite school) with their own poster/banners/placards. It was lovely to see parents supporting this initiative.

Family Road Safety Pledge 2016

We pledge to make the school journey safer by:
walking to school when we can
parking our car far from school
when we can't + being aware of road safety
 Name: Collette Riley + Grace Date: 15/6/16
Riley - Lorenzo

Family Road Safety Pledge 2016

We pledge to make the school journey safer by:
Cross at the traffic lights and
waiting for the green man before cross
 Name: Isabelle Hargreaves + Date: 27th May
Kayley Farmington (mum)

Family Road Safety Pledge 2016

We pledge to make the school journey safer by:
Walking, Scooting or Cycling to School
When Driving Near School Sides Down to
20MPH
 Name: The Smith Family Date: JUNE 2016

Family Road Safety Pledge 2016

We pledge to make the school journey safer by:
walking to school with our high
visibility vest on and wearing both ways
 Name: Bobby Calland Date: 26/5/2016

We also invited all families to be part of this campaign by completing a 'Family Road Safety Pledge' to show how we are all working together to ensure the safety of our children.

All of our children completed their own 'Road Safety Pledge in school.

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
Looking both ways when
and crossing the road
 Name: Ida Lynch Date: 21 June Class: 4

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
Hold your parents hand or mom
 Name: Sam Rome Date: 21/5/16 Class: 1

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
walking when the
green man is there
 Name: Aidan Date: 21.6.16 Class: 4

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
choosing the best place to
cross
 Name: Thomas Date: 20/6/16 Class: 5

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
use a zebra crossing
 Name: ROSIE P Date: 21.6.16 Class: 8

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
holding my
parents hand
 Name: Gabriella Date: 21/6/16 Class: 1

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
crossing safe by the 10.11.14
popman
 Name: MILLIE FALLON Date: 21.6.16 Class: 5

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I pledge to make the school journey safer by:
wearing my road safety jacket and
sunshade my Parents
 Name: SIEDRA Date: 21.6.16 Class: 5

Headteacher Mrs Louise Byrne said: The safety of our children is of uppermost importance, not just in school but before and after school, it's vital that the children develop a clear understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

"The children have really enjoyed the build up to this record breaking attempt and have learnt a lot about road safety and the benefits of walking to school".

Hopefully we will see even more families leaving the car at home and choosing to make their journeys safely by foot, bike or scooter."

The children are further encouraged to walk to school by taking part in our 'WoW' scheme where children are rewarded with badges if they walk, cycle or scoot to school every Wednesday.

To promote road safety and encourage families to leave the car at home we have bicycle and scooter storage on site.

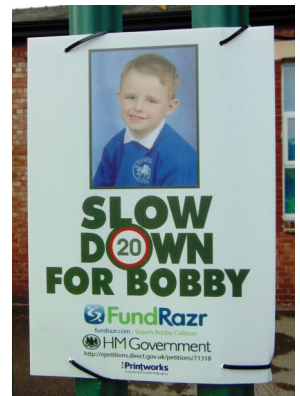
We also run a monthly 'walking school bus' which is supervised by school support staff who offer their time on a voluntary basis.

Learning Mentor Mrs Jackie Harris said "It is good to see children and their parents choosing to walk to school rather than take the car, which is better for them and for the environment.

"Giving children the skills to stay safe on the roads gives them the confidence to walk more, which gets them in good habits for life."



We would like to thank the 'Bobby Colleran Trust' for supporting us in keeping our children safe by donating a 'Slow Down For Bobby' high visibility vest to all of our children.



A £5 gift voucher was awarded to the children with the winning 'Road Safety Poster'.

