

School children don snazzy shoes to bring an extra big smile to Walk to School Week

Swan Lane's Eco Team create a special day to increase the number of children walking to school and educated the children on the benefits of walking by taking part in Happy Shoesday.

National charity Living Streets is encouraging children and their families to swap four wheels for two feet and give walking a go this **Walk to School Week** (20-24 May).

As part of the challenge, children were encouraged to wear the shoes that make them happiest on **Tuesday 21 May**. The whole school were invited to join in the fundraising activity with children really making an effort to decorate their own shoes to turn them into dazzling shoes.

The children at Swan Lane magnificently raised over £250 for a very good cause and educated the whole school on keeping safe on the roads and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Last year over 450,000 pupils took part in Walk to School Week with this year being even bigger as Living Streets marks its 90th anniversary.

The Eco Team were incredibly overwhelmed with the level of contributions and look forward to planning further activities to develop the children's awareness of how to care for the planet.

Joe Irvin, Chief Executive, Living Streets said:

"Walking to school is a brilliant way for children to move more and stay healthy. It's also a great opportunity for children to learn vital road safety skills and make sure they're alert and ready to learn at the start of a new day. At the same time, it reduces harmful congestion and pollution outside the school gates.

"Happy Shoesday is the perfect opportunity to give walking a go. We hope to see lots of families swapping four wheels for two feet and seeing what a difference it makes to their health and happiness."

