

School Travel News, July 2018

Welcome to our summer newsletter!

Some of you will know that last year, we were successful in securing 3 years of funding from the Department for Transport to continue to support schools in promoting safe and active travel to school in certain areas of the city. In 2017/18, we worked in partnership with primary and secondary schools in Hangleton and parts of Hove and from April this year we are working with schools along the Lewes Road corridor and surrounds. If your school is not included in our funded areas, remember that we can still support you with resources and project ideas.



The Dragons are on their bike!

A new project took us to **Blatchington Mill Secondary School** where teams of Year 8 students pitched their project ideas to encourage more cycling to school. This project supported the delivery of the PSHE and citizenship programmes by providing students with the opportunity to practise their project planning, team work and presentation skills. The winning team “Biking to Blatch!” launched their project which rewards pupils who cycle by entering in a prize draw this April. Well done and keep going! Thanks to Bike It Lucy for all her support! This Dragon’s Den project could easily be adapted for primary schools to involve Year 6s.



Some news from nurseries, pre-schools and other early year’s settings:

Congratulations to **Footsteps Portslade** on their recent Modeshift STARS Gold accreditation. They join two other nurseries in the city – **My First Friends** in Westdene, and **Footsteps Hove** - in achieving their Gold STAR!

And also many congratulations to **Footsteps Portslade** who were awarded ‘National Early Years School of the Year’ at the Modeshift STARS National Awards in April. See [here](#) for more information about their award.

[Modeshift STARS](#) is the national schools awards scheme that has been established

to recognise schools and early years settings that have demonstrated excellence in supporting active and sustainable travel.

There are a number of early years settings and schools in the city who have achieved, or are working towards, Bronze, Silver and Gold accreditation.



But where are the meerkats hiding?

Did you know that back in March this year, 10 meerkats had escaped from the zoo and were hiding in the streets of Hove! Our pilot project the Meerkat Discovery Trail took children and their parents/carers on a journey to find them. On the way, they were encouraged to look around, be active and collect stickers! Here is what a mum had to say: “My kids loved doing the Meerkat Trail! It was an interesting and engaging initiative to get the kids out and about in the local area and learning about it.” Watch out for another trail in the Lewes Road area next year!



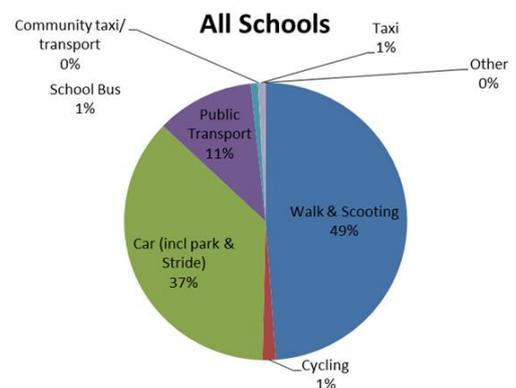
Journey to school animation

This engaging and unique film developed by iTravelYork aims to highlight in a humorous way how inconsiderate driving outside schools affects young children from their perspective as well as showing what the journey to school could look like if all drivers behaved thoughtfully and considerately. Click [here](#) to watch.

Sustainable Mode of Travel Survey (SMOTS) 'hands-up' survey

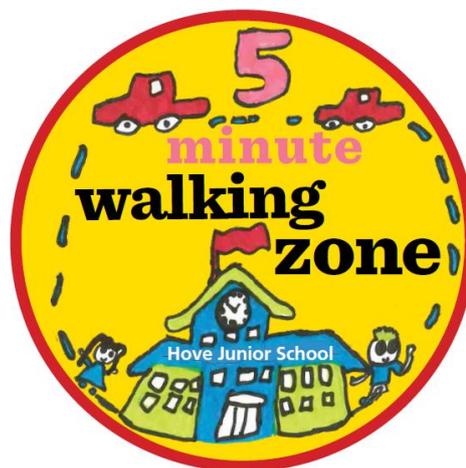
Thanks to all schools who completed our annual 'hands-up' travel survey at the beginning of March this year (and some of you during the snow!). The results are important to us as they help us shape our future work. Hopefully if you completed the survey this year, you have received your results. Please do use them to up-date your School Travel Plan or plan for other walking, scooting or cycling events.

BHCC Travel to School, 2017/18 'hands-up' survey



Pupil-led projects are the way to go!

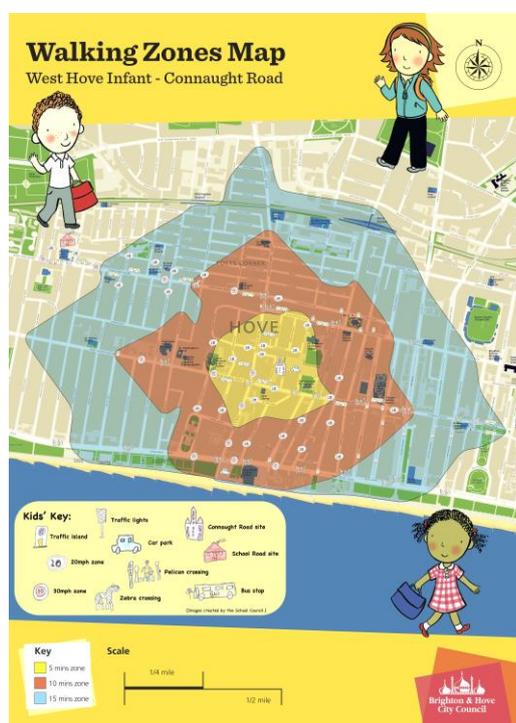
We have been working with primary school children on lots of projects this year to encourage more active, healthier and safer travel to school. From designing 5 minute walking zone signs, creating a fun quiz show road safety assembly, surveying parents in playgrounds to personalising walking maps and planning their route to secondary schools, children have learnt lots about road and personal safety, the benefits of active travel and how to engage with grown-ups!



Active travel and curriculum links

There are many ways that you can incorporate active travel into your curriculum planning so that it becomes an integral part of school-life.

For example, you could take children on a local walk using one of our pre-designed 'walking zone maps' as did Hove Junior and West Hove Infant School. A Year 3 class in the Junior school made the walking map a catalyst for some great Geography and Global Citizenship work, whereas West Hove Infant school personalised their map to include safer places to cross the road, road safety signs and other local information to help with route planning.



PE and Sports Premium:

Did you know that you can use some of your increased PE and Sports Premium to support active travel and help pupils achieve the recommended 1 hour physical activity per day? Some schools have already spent or are planning to spend some of their grant on balance bikes, cycle or scooting equipment or pedometers. Providing you can demonstrate that the purchase of equipment or training will enhance what you are currently offering, it's certainly worth considering spending some of the grant on promoting active travel both in and out of school. For more information please see [here](#)

Free theatre performances- Book now for the autumn term, places limited.

We are offering performances for Year 7s from Performance in Education. Their show "Streetwise" focuses on students' behaviour and attitudes to pedestrian road safety. Dates are between 1-12 October. To book, email Simon Fallon simon@pie.uk.com



Brand new THINK! child road safety resources

Have a look [here](#) at the 50 free resources to teach children aged 3 – 16 to be safe on the roads. These interactive ways of learning range from lesson plans to games and educational films with photographs and illustrations created by students from Farnborough Sixth Form College.

Anti-social, illegal parking and parking enforcement

Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) patrol areas where illegal and dangerous parking is a potential threat to child safety. Also they can now issue Postal Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for illegal stopping/parking including stopping on 'School Keep Clears'.

For more information about how to report and request enforcement as well as ideas to help prevent anti-social parking, visit: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-parking-advice

For your 11s, Box Clever Theatre presents "Passenger" which aims to find creative ways of making young people aware of the risks involved in travel and for the need for everyone to take responsibility for their actions. Dates are between 12-23 November. To book, email tourbooker@boxclevertheatre.com . Click [here](#) for more information about both shows.

Dates for your calendar

- Walk to School Month in October
- World Mental Health Day 10th October
- Road Safety Week 19th - 25th November

To talk with us about any of the above or to tell us your school travel news, please contact a member of the School Travel Team:

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