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A New School Journey



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Welcome to A New School Journey Newsletter

We are delighted to inform you that Ladygrove Primary School have agreed to take part in a new project in partnership with the Active Travel & Road Safety Education Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

Ladygrove is one of four schools selected to take part in 'A New School Journey' pilot which is the first of its kind to take place in Telford and Wrekin.

This programme has been developed for several reasons including:

- Improving road safety outside of school
- Easing congestion
- Encouraging more active travel to/from school
- Reducing emissions

We are aware of a number of road safety concerns around Ladygrove and we hope that by working in partnership with parents/carers, pupils and the school, we can help alleviate these concerns.

Ladygrove Primary School has been selected due to its commitment and passion for active travel. All we are asking for is one small change. As a minimum we ask that you either Park & Stride (park away from the school entrance, ideally a 10 minute walk away) scoot, cycle, wheel or walk to/from school at least once a week.

We are always interested to hear your thoughts so please do get in touch via **roadsafety@telford.gov.uk**

More information will follow over the next few months but for now we look forward to starting A New School Journey with you.

Be Bright Be Seen

Be Bold and Bright Both Morning and Night

With the dark nights and autumnal weather upon us, the Travel Telford team have been in to school to talk to pupils about how to **stay safe and been seen** by oncoming traffic. We delivered a whole school assembly where Team Safeguarding/JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) introduced their first in a series of themed competitions, design your own Be Bright Be Seen T-shirt.

Shine bright at night

Year 4 continued their Be Bright learning by taking part in a Be Bright Be Seen workshop. The Active Travel & Road Safety Education team worked with pupils to conduct an experiment to find out which is the brightest Hi-Vis – **Pink, Yellow, Green** or **Orange**. This workshop teaches students the importance of bright, fluorescent, clothing during the day and reflective items during the evening. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and each received a pair of brightly coloured gloves at the end.

Remember it's the law to have clean and working lights on your bike.

White at the front and red at the back as well as a rear reflector.



Our final Be Bright Be Seen activity was a **Be Bright Walk to School.**

Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and it was a wet and windy morning! Despite the adverse weather, a few families decided to join us and we lit up the morning with flashing armbands, hi-vis jackets and Be Bright accessories. **Thank you so much** to those families who braved the rain to join us!

We have future walks to school planned and our next walk will be on the **6th December**. Our theme for this walk will be Christmas! So why not put on your Christmas jumper or your reindeer headband and join us for a festive walk to school. (More details to follow.)







Children in Year 4 receiving their winning goodie bags and some of the fantastic entries from Year 3 and Year 4.

Looking Ahead..

Love Your Environment – Our theme for next term.

We can all help to conserve our environment by trying to live in a way that is more sustainable. Leaving the car at home once a week and **walking/wheeling/scooting or cycling** to or from school is a great place to start.

Did you know: Anti-idling?

Leaving your engine running for just 1 minute, releases enough harmful emissions to fill 150 balloons!

Active school runs improve both physical and mental health and helps to reduce stress and anxiety. It also helps children to arrive at school ready to learn and supports them in meeting their **recommended 1 hour of physical activity** per day.

There are various reasons why you may need to travel by car on the school run and we appreciate it's not always possible to leave the car behind**. Park and Stride** allows families to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school, while also keeping the front of school clear and **safe** for pupils and families.

Park and Stride Guidance

- **Email helen.smith2@telford.gov.uk for your parking promise letter, map and car sticker to show your commitment to change.**
- **Park around a 10 minute walking distance away from the school entrance and walk/wheel/cycle or scoot the rest of the way!**