



Green-Schools Travel Action Plan, 2015 - 2016

School: St Paul's N.S., Ratoath, Co Meath



Aim		
Action	Date	Person(s) Responsible
Make it safer for people to walk, cycle, scoot to school		
Walkability audit – we assess the paths leading up to the school from common approach routes. We can also test the route to possible Park n Stride locations. And where the school might need a lollipop lady and/or crossings.	Dec 2015	Karen, Committee and Ms. O'Doherty
Give out high vis prizes to students who win Slogan competition or whoever needs them and they'll wear them (supplied by Green-Schools) Extra can be ordered from RSA.	Nov/Dec 2015	Karen Green Schools
Get everyone in school to learn the Safe Cross Code	January 2015	Ms. O'Doherty and all teachers
Safety on your bike/scooter workshops with Karen	Term 3	Karen

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Encourage students and staff to walk cycle, scoot to school		
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Competition in school for Green Travel Code e.g. “Hear the beat, use your feet” – “Schools not far, leave the car” AND poster	Nov/Dec 2015	Ms. O’Doherty and all teachers
Update and maintain Green-Schools notice board. Action plan. Photos of committee. Travel Survey results. Competition details, etc.	Ongoing	Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
Hold a weekly “green way to school “ day e.g. WOW day – to be launched in February 2016	Launch Feb 2016 Day of week tbc	Karen, Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
Give out stickers on arrival at launch day – set up tables in yard according to different methods of transport (walk, cycle, scoot, car pool, park n’ stride, bus)	Prep for launch day	Karen, Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
On that day start tracking each class EVERY WEEK and how they come to school (Scores on doors?) and at the end of every week or month the winning class gets a prize e.g. extra P.E. time	Prep for launch day	Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
To track winners over the month or the term set up a league table of the classes and display the table on the Green Schools notice board	Prep for launch day	Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
Develop a trophy prize that can be given to the winning class every week E.g. golden boot	Prep for launch day	Art project for committee
Re-run launch day at the start of every year to keep interest and knowledge going	Re-launch Sep 2016	Karen, Committee and Ms. O’Doherty
Set up the Weather Watchers (a sub-set of Green Schools Committee) to monitor the weather forecast for your WOW days and then IMPORTANTLY tell everyone	Prep for launch day	Sub set of committee and Ms. O’Doherty

what the weather forecast for your WOW day is (maybe easiest is to use public address system towards end of day before WOW day) and encourage pupils to dress appropriately		
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Help people to Park 'n Stride		
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Designate a Park 'n Stride location(s) – this will hopefully come out of the Walkbilty audit in Dec 2015.	January 2016	Committee and Ms. O'Doherty
Explaining (to the different age groups) how far a walk they should have to make it count as Park 'n Stride and not just getting out of car and then walking into school!	January 2016	Committee in school assembly
Park 'n Stride poster competition to highlight the above? Put details on web site so parents know too and on notice board	February 2016	Ms. O'Doherty
Parents could set up walking club from Park n Stride location?		Committee, Coordinator and Parents Association

Aim		
Get more people cycling to school		
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Do a cycleability audit to assess routes to school for cycling.	School year 2016/2017	Karen, committee and Ms. O'Doherty
Do a "Green-School Broken Bike" survey to see how many people need their bikes fixed. Karen has a pack to help some of the older classes undertake this in a school. We can then invite a local bike shop in to help with repairs or Karen can teach people how to do the most common ones themselves like chain coming off, repair punctures, clean chain, etc.	Before June 2016 (bike week) – date to be booked in	Karen, committee and Ms. O'Doherty
For bike week Karen can do cycle skills and safety in the yard with classes. As many students as possible bring in their bikes on the day (so it's also a BIKE or COW DAY!!). Karen will bring prizes to be raffled among the cyclists e.g. helmets lights and bells.	During bike week in June 2016	Karen
Run a bling your bike competition and give prizes for winner(s). People can bling bike at home OR can run in the school (Karen can help and also can supply prizes).	Bike Week June 2016	Committee, Ms. O'Doherty and Karen
Form a cycle club to perhaps make a cycle train (people cycle in a group to school – safety in numbers type of idea). Cycle club can also help share bike maintenance and fixing expertise if Karen can train them.	School year 2016/2017– committee to research how many would be interested	Committee and Ms. O'Doherty
Increase security of bikes – committee can run an information campaign in classes.	Before June 2016 (bike week)	Committee and Ms. O'Doherty