

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	10 October 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Forum of ongoing education, training and publicity initiatives in South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the report are noted and future road safety education, training and publicity activity in South Lanarkshire is supported.

3. Background

3.1. Theatre in Education – Primary Schools

3.1.1. "The Journey" is a play aimed at Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils with links to Curriculum for Excellence. This is one of a series of plays for schools which are part of the Theatre in Education Programme of Road Safety Scotland. The Baldy Bane Theatre Company is commissioned by Road Safety Scotland to perform this play in primary schools across Scotland. South Lanarkshire Council receives an allocation of a number of performances on an annual basis.

3.1.2. "The Journey" is an engaging play in a forum theatre style which deals with issues related to peer pressure, friendship and situations that can lead to unsafe behaviours near the road. Aims of the play are to raise awareness of the coming dangers to which this age group will be exposed to during the next few years, helping them realise why those dangers are particularly relevant to their age group and to enable them to analyse, discuss and change decisions and outcomes.

3.1.3. 12 Primary Schools received a performance of The Journey for Primary 6 and 7 at the beginning of March 2018. These schools were:-

- ◆ Craigbank Primary, Larkhall
- ◆ Loch Primary, Rutherglen
- ◆ Newton Farm Primary, Newton
- ◆ Robert Owen Memorial Primary, Lanark
- ◆ St. Anthony's Primary, Rutherglen
- ◆ St. Bride's Primary, Cambuslang
- ◆ St. Cuthbert's Primary, Hamilton
- ◆ St. John the Baptist Primary, Uddingston
- ◆ St. Leonard's Primary, East Kilbride

- ◆ St. Ninian's Primary, Hamilton
- ◆ Townhill Primary, Hamilton
- ◆ Udston Primary, Hamilton

3.2. Theatre in Education – Secondary Schools

- 3.2.1. The road safety plays "School Daze" for S1 pupils and "Friends Disunited" for S5/6 pupils toured South Lanarkshire schools during the end of August 2018 with the rest planned for the end of November 2018. The plays were commissioned by Road Safety Scotland and performed by the Baldy Bane Theatre Company. The plays have curricular links to Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Literacy and Numeracy.
- 3.2.2. "Schools Daze" for S1 is a thought-provoking production involving relationships, peer pressure and popular sub-cultures. It involves a typical friendship group as they make their way to and from school. The play encourages pupils to explore how their actions, attitudes and decisions can affect those around them.
- 3.2.3. "Friends Disunited" involves a variety of characters enacting a witty and powerful drama about young people with promising futures. The influence a loutish youth culture has on a young man learning to drive leaves the audience with some sobering thoughts.
- 3.2.4. Secondary schools which received both a performance of "School Daze" and "Friends Disunited" are:-
- ◆ Biggar High School
 - ◆ Cathkin High School
 - ◆ Larkhall Academy
 - ◆ Lesmahagow High School
 - ◆ Uddingston Grammar
- 3.2.5. Calderglen High School received a performance of "Friends Disunited" only.

3.3. Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme – All Together for Road Safety

- 3.3.1. The Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Scheme is offered to all Primary, Private and ASN schools with one or two Primary 6 or Primary 7 pupils undertaking the role. Pupils can complete an application form or can be nominated or selected for the role which they will fulfil for one or two years. Schools are asked to have a Junior Road Safety Co-ordinator within the school to help assist and support the newly appointed JRSO and to offer guidance and help throughout their role.
- 3.3.2. All the resources required are posted to schools as they register and regular updates and information is sent out to schools. JRSOs receive a personal organiser, including a badge, notebook and a pen as well as some prizes for the year ahead.
- 3.3.3. JRSOs have an important job with the aim to encourage peer learning and promote partnership working. JRSOs are asked to promote road safety in their nursery and/or school through having a notice board and updating this to reflect the different seasons, running competitions and talking at assemblies.

- 3.3.4. The JRSO website www.jrso.com has great ideas and a member's only area as well as being accessible in the App Library on GLOW.
- 3.3.5. The Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme has a great link to the Curriculum for Excellence including experiences and outcomes in:-
- ◆ health and wellbeing: responsibilities of all
 - ◆ expressive arts
 - ◆ literacy: responsibility for all
 - ◆ literacy and English
 - ◆ numeracy and maths
 - ◆ numeracy: responsibility of all
 - ◆ social studies
- 3.3.6. This year, 116 are participating in the JRSO Scheme.
- 3.4. Good Egg Safety – A Helpful Guide for Older Road Safety Users**
- 3.4.1. This Good Egg guide is a helpful guide to road safety for older drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and for using public transport. The guide covers driver safety, including car maintenance, health, medicines and mobility, winter driving, child car seats as well as keeping safe as a pedestrian. Public transport and sustainable travel elements are also included with excellent safety advice and real life examples given throughout the booklet. The guide has a website www.olderpersonsroadsafety.com which reinforces the guide.
- 3.4.2. The booklet was distributed to all South Lanarkshire sports centres and medical and doctor surgeries.
- 3.5. Good Egg – In Car Safety Clinics**
- 3.5.1. Parents and carers were offered the chance to get their child's car seat checked by a Good Egg Safety expert.
- 3.5.2. This is a major initiative launched by Road Safety Scotland and leading car seat safety experts, Good Egg Safety, to raise awareness of the dangers to children travelling in a car seat which does not fit them properly or is incorrectly fitted. Last year, during checks across Scotland, 60% of child car seats were found to be incorrectly fitted or incompatible to the child/vehicle.
- 3.5.3. South Lanarkshire area received two Good Egg Safety Events which were held at Sainsbury's in Hamilton on 14 and 15 of September. The event was promoted through posters and South Lanarkshire Council's social media channels.
- 3.5.4. Good Egg In Car Safety Guides are available as well as a variety of social media platforms which offer great advice, top tips, common error videos and much more.
- 3.6. Road Safety West of Scotland – Signs2Schools**
- 3.6.1. A sign manufacturer in Yorkshire has designed a range of eye-catching signs to help address the problem of unsafe parking and driving in and around school entrances.
- 3.6.2. The 'Kiddie Shaped' and 'Child Friendly Police Officer' signs, produced by Signs2Schools are available with popular messages including 'think before you park', 'don't park on the zig zags', 'caution children' and 'slow down'.

- 3.6.3. The signs are double sided making them visible to traffic from both directions and include a base to keep them in place.
- 3.6.4. South Lanarkshire Council, through the Road Safety West of Scotland, has ordered 6 “Kiddie Shaped” signs and delivery of these is expected in October 2018. These will be considered for use at schools as part of any School Travel Plan initiative to assist in highlighting potential road safety issues at schools.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Promotional items associated with this report are funded by external partners or from the Council’s Revenue Budget.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. There are no significant risks associated with this report, nor any environmental implications.
- 6.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. All the necessary consultation arrangements have taken place.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration
- ◆ Get it right for children and young people
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

Previous References

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum of 5 December 2017

List of Background Papers

None.

Contact for Further Information

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