

Welcome Back!

I'm sure you share my joy when I say it's great news schools are back open to all students!

The summer term is a great one for promoting active travel. We have lots of fun and exciting initiatives coming up: Scooter Skills, Dr Bike Sessions, Bikeability, Air Quality Sessions just to name a few!

Accreditation Update

For those schools previously engaged Modeshift STARS the accreditation system has gone from three levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold) to a FIVE level accreditation system, with a Green and Platinum level being added.

Superhero Competition

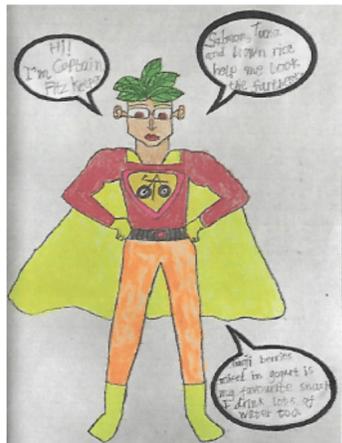
We had a superb response to the Active Travel Superhero Competition with nearly 100 entries! The entries were so good we selected two winners. You can see the winning entries below. Well done to everyone that entered!



Congratulations to Bornini and Rishbah who designed the two winning entries!



Bornini
St Thomas Aquinas



Rishbah
Premier Academy

Bikeability Training

We are excited to say that Bikeability Training can commence from 31st March 2021! All schools in Milton Keynes are able to access the training, whether you are a returning school, or a school that would like to set Bikeability up get in touch to find out more.



Coming Soon!

Cycle Parking for Schools

From 12th April we are offering all schools in Milton Keynes the opportunity to apply for free cycle or scooter parking. Take a look at our website for more information!

www.getsmartertravelmk.org/school/help-schools



The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal is back! Get the date in your diary 19th April - 30th April.

What is the Big Pedal?

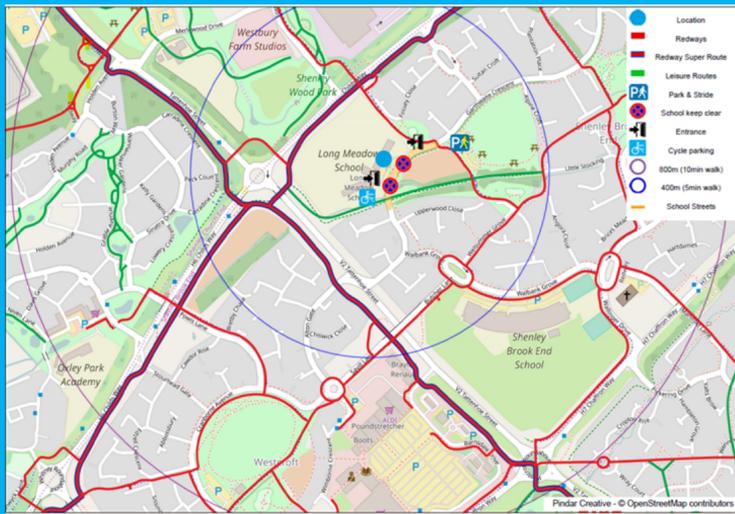
It is the UK's biggest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting competition.

Schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school.

How to join?

Firstly register here: www.bigpedal.org.uk/register

We have our own Milton Keynes Leader board so schools can compete with others across Milton Keynes. Join it here: <https://bigpedal.org.uk/lists/74>



Giveaway!

We are giving away 10 Get to School Map railing banners during The Big Pedal. Register and participate for at least one day for your school to go into the draw!



Modeshift STARS Initiatives Achieved

- C5 - School takes part in the Big Pedal
- W8 - 5/10 minute walk zone around the school
- PR8 - Competition run and promoted within school
- CU1 - School takes part in competition promoted by others
- PR21 - Travel to school map created



Wow Travel Tracker

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. Living Streets are offering free access to all schools in Milton Keynes!

Access to the travel tracker would normally cost around £400 a year. Contact us for more information.

Modeshift STARS Initiatives Achieved

- W1 - Living Streets WOW Campaign



Diary Dates

April

- 13th - Drop in Session: How to engage parents
- 19th-30th - Big Pedal

May

- 17th -21st - Walk to School Week
- 27th - Drop in Session: What is Modeshift STARS

June

- 17th - Clean Air Day (resources available)
- 18th - Drop in Session: How air pollution can have an impact on the school run, drop in session

July

- 5th - Drop in Session: Planning for Modeshift STARS

Get in touch!

If you would like to know more about anything featured then please get in touch!
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