STARS South Yorkshire
Rotherham

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The STARS South Yorkshire Project focuses on promoting active and sustainable travel to pupils, parents and teachers across the region through the delivery of fun, engaging, educational activities. The ultimate aim of the project is to encourage everyone that can to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, starting with the journey to school.
Our STARS South Yorkshire team are available to deliver free initiatives, resources, lessons and activities for schools throughout Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.
For more information and to get your staff and pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school, please email: stars_sy@pwlcprojects.com

Rotherham school of the year 2018

Listerdale Junior Academy has been recognised as Rotherham’s best primary school for the second year running in the Regional Modeshift STARS awards held in York last term.
Listerdale Junior Academy is Rotherham first and only Gold STARS accredited school. Over 83% of pupils travel actively to school thanks to an effective park and stride scheme and a wide range of walking, cycling and scooting initiatives delivered consistently throughout the whole school year. It was extremely rewarding for the STARS team to attend the school’s special Gold Award assembly back in October with support from Rotherham United’s Miller the Bear. Well done to all pupils, parents and staff at the school for all of their hard work!

Bronze Award & Bike Blinging

Kilhurst St Thomas C of E Primary Academy have recently completed all outcomes for their Bronze Award just three months after registering for STARS accreditation. They also scooped a prize for the 10 Day Active Travel Challenge for promoting a wide range of active travel initiatives such as Wacky Welly Wednesdays and animal themed dress-up days. Their bike shed was transformed into a scene from wildlife documentary thanks to some truly amazing bike decorations.

We also congratulate Bramley Grange Primary and Laughton All Saints C of E Primary schools who have also worked hard this term to reinstate their Bronze Awards for another year. Well done to everyone involved!

Pupils at Listerdae Junior Academy accept their awards last term.
Recently registered schools

A warm welcome goes out to Brinsworth Manor Infant School, Thurcroft Junior Academy and Whiston Junior and Infant School who have recently signed up to the STARS South Yorkshire programme.

We have already been bowled over by the response from parents, pupils and staff at Whiston J&I. At the end of November, they hosted a Be-Bright, Be-Seen day to promote road safety awareness and to help launch their park and stride scheme from the Sitwell Arms Pub. 47 pupils and 45 parents chose to walk to school on the day instead of driving to the school gates. There were also a similar number of beautifully bright, blinged bikes and scooters which accounts for nearly a quarter of all pupils at the school.

Brinsworth Manor Infants and Thurcroft Junior Academy will be launching activities this term.

Brookfield Junior Academy’s Be-Bright, Be-Seen day saw 80 pupils, parents and staff walking to school as part of their park and stride scheme and 34 pupils decorating their bikes or scooters to make them more visible on their journey to school. As well as a be-bright, be-seen themed non-uniform day, the school organised an active travel breakfast for those pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school. Pupils were also treated to a performance from Greentop Circus, after winning previous active travel competition.

Year 6 pupils from Brookfield Primary Academy have also completed a 7 mile bike ride to Manvers lake after 4 weeks of cycle skills training last term. Pupils found the ride challenging but the group supported one another along the way and gained a huge sense of achievement after finishing the ride.

Sustrans Big Pedal takes place from the 25th of March to the 5th of April. This year the Big Pedal takes a big stride in a new direction by including walking as well as cycling and scooting. This means that even more pupils, parents and school staff can take part and have an even greater chance of winning some fantastic prizes. Registration open in January. www.thebigpedal.org.uk

Other Dates for the diary:
14-20th Jan - Obesity Awareness Week
25th Feb-10th Mar - Fairtrade Fortnight / Mar - Walk all over cancer
18th Mar - Global Recycling Day / 20th Mar - spring equinox
21st Mar - World Poetry Day / 5th Apr - Walk to Work Day
22nd Apr - World Earth Day