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Yr 3 pupils from from Giffard Park Primary School (left) and Stanton School in Bradville (right) are pictured during visits.



## Three-year funding for primary schools

THE Safety Centre has recently signed an agreement with Milton Keynes Council to deliver child safety education to primary schools in Milton Keynes.

All Yr 3 and Yr 6 pupils will visit the Safety Centre and we will also deliver a classroom input to Yr 2s. The Yr 6 pupils will also receive follow-up lessons back in the classroom reinforcing specific scenarios.

Jan Alder, Centre Manager, said: "I am delighted that all MK primary schools can now be assured of the opportunity to benefit from our unique delivery of safety messages for the next three years."

Councillor Sandra Clark, Milton Keynes Council's Lead Member for Children, said: "It is



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extremely important that we prepare children for all the safety challenges that they might face in their day to day lives as they grow up.

"Hazard Alley is a superb way to make that important learning fun and engaging. I am delighted that the council has been able to allocate funding to allow so many Milton Keynes school children to take advantage of the centre's facilities."

### What they say after visiting us

■ "I have not visited the Safety Centre before and have to say I found it extremely informative, child friendly and a valuable learning experience for the younger generation. Very friendly staff. A lovely afternoon."

– Yr 3 teacher, Giffard Park Primary School

■ "I learnt some people not thinking can hurt others. We always have a choice."

– Jordan, Yr 3 pupil, Stanton School

■ "It was really fun when our group learnt how to put someone in the recovery position."

– Tamarra, Yr 3 pupil, Stanton School

**MAKE sure you put the date of the Safety Centre's Open Day in your diary! It will take place on Sunday 23 August 2009 from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free and everyone**

**is welcome. We are planning many stalls and attractions, and we will be joined on the day by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and Thames Valley Police.**



■ Left and right: June Paterson is pictured delivering an Internet Safety lesson.



# Spotlight on Internet Safety

THANKS to some funding from Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership, the Safety Centre has been able to develop and deliver a programme piloting follow-up sessions concentrating solely on Internet Safety by our Schools Liaison staff, all of whom are qualified teachers.

Feedback from teachers includes the comments on the right.

The Safety Centre has also delivered Internet Safety Awareness sessions to parents giving them ways to help their children use the internet safely and benefit from its many opportunities. This includes:

- Ways of monitoring children's use
- Awareness of current jargon
- Awareness of available filtering software



■ Left: One website you will always be safe on is ours – [www.safetycentre.co.uk](http://www.safetycentre.co.uk)

Pupils had learned how to report abuse and the safeguard in using moderated sites

It concerns me as a Yr 6 teacher – many children are left to their own devices on computers

Children are now aware that there is an element of risk in using the internet

They understand the consequences of cyber bullying and the presence of the cyber police and their powers

- Awareness of new hardware
- Ways of using the internet together

If you would be interested in receiving a session, please call **01908 263009** and talk to our Schools Liaison Team, who can discuss your needs which can be tailored for your organisation or group.

## Hazard Alley welcomes birthday tours too!

WHY not come to the Safety Centre as part of a child's birthday treat?

Your children and their friends can learn all about keeping themselves safe in a fun two hours going around our mini "real life" town.

We are open during the evenings and school holidays for groups of children aged between 7 and 12.

Although we can't cater for the

food, balloons and games aspect of a party, we can give youngsters an experience which is not only fun but also very worthwhile.

Bookings can be arranged by telephone (**01908 263009**) or email ([info@safetycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@safetycentre.co.uk)).

The idea came from a past visitor who came with her school. When later asked by her family what she would like to do on her birthday, she replied: "I'd like to go back to Hazard Alley!"



■ One of the scenarios inside the Safety Centre.



Peter Mead is pictured above with the Safety Centre's eye-catching stall at the Volunteer Fair.

# We're looking for volunteers!

WE are always looking for new volunteers to help us with the growing numbers of children wishing to visit the Safety Centre. We offer excellent training, expenses and sweatshirts – but most of all a rewarding experience.

Peter Mead recently attended the Volunteer Fair in Central Milton Keynes to encourage more people to join us. Peter, who has been a volunteer guide since 1994, was well qualified to tell potential newcomers how worthwhile it is.

Each of the 12 scenarios in Hazard Alley has an important message that is explained by a volunteer guide. Many of the scenarios have an interactive element controlled by the guide, often to the surprise of the children.

We need 12 tour guides per session and we rely heavily on volunteers to keep costs to an affordable level. Guides receive training on each scenario and how to get the message across to the children in the most effective way. You will not be asked to take

a group of children until you feel confident.

Although the safety messages are consistent, each guide develops his or her own presentation style.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer guide at the Safety Centre should ring Val Williams on **01908 263009**.

■ Pictured below are four of our latest recruits. From left to right they are Sarah Miller, Sophie Bonici, Bob Taylor and Jenny Wilkinson.



## Course dates to December 2009

### JULY 2009

1 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

9-10 & 13-14 First Aid at Work  
(four-day course)

15 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

21-22 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

### AUGUST 2009

13-14 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

20-21 & 24-25 First Aid at Work  
(four-day course)

31 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

### SEPTEMBER 2009

2-3 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

9 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

10-11 & 14-15 First Aid at Work  
(four-day course)

14-15 Paediatric First Aid Course  
(two-day course)

28 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

### OCTOBER 2009

7-8 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

12 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

15-16 & 19 First Aid at Work  
(three-day course)

27 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

### NOVEMBER 2009

2 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

5-6 & 9 First Aid at Work  
(three-day course)

18 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

24-25 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

### DECEMBER 2009

1 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

3-4 & 7 First Aid at Work  
(three-day course)

15-16 Re-qualification Course  
(two-day course)

17 Appointed Persons Course  
(one-day course)

Best wishes to Natasha Clements, one of our School Liaison staff, who is on maternity leave. She is pictured receiving her gifts from her Safety Centre colleagues.



## Praise for popular course

OUR two-day (12-hour) Paediatric First Aid Course has proved to be extremely popular and is a requirement for any school that has a nursery setting.

It will next be held at the Safety Centre on 14-15 September.

Here are just some of the testimonials received from schools in Milton Keynes for our most recent courses:

■ "Excellent training in my opinion."

■ "A very worthwhile course. Thank you."

■ "The course was good and

interesting and felt comfortable with the teacher."

■ "Very informative and I would recommend the course to anyone working with children."

■ "Thank you very much – very interesting and relevant."

The course runs from 9am to 3.45pm and attendance is required over both days. Lunch is limited to 30 minutes and a buffet is provided.

Places are available at a cost of £60 plus VAT per person. Book by email at [info@safetycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@safetycentre.co.uk) or by ringing 01908 263009.

Steve James – five years as a Safety Centre Trustee.



## Farewell to Steve

GOODBYE to Steve James, who has been a Safety Centre Trustee since 2004. Steve has moved his employment to Birmingham, nearer his home.

Safety Centre Director Jan Alder said: "We would like to thank Steve for his valuable contribution and wish him well for the future."

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and donations. The Safety Centre is very much a partnership venture which only works because of the invaluable support from the community as well as a team of dedicated staff.

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