

The benefits of evaluation



A Hanslope pupil is pictured taking part in one of the on-line quizzes.

HEADTEACHER Debbie Doherty from Hanslope Primary School has praised the Safety Centre's evaluation programme, which includes on-line quizzes taken by pupils before and after their visits.

She said: "It helps teachers assess PSHE and Citizenship, as well as measuring children's retention of safety knowledge. It also promotes ICT and Literacy skills."

This comment came from Giles Brook School: "What a fantastic experience – wonderful as always. Levelled/ presented in such a correct way – the children really responded well. Great work!"

Jan Alder, Safety Centre Director, said: "Statistical analysis of the results of these quizzes shows highly significant increases in knowledge, and proof that these increases would not have occurred without our intervention. Children learn and retain important safety messages that could save lives."

Ring **01908 263009** to find out more about it.



First Aid badges for Beavers

A Newport Pagnell Beaver group are pictured here receiving their First Aid badges following a tour of the Safety Centre.

The Centre is open for

tours by groups in the evening by appointment. Alternatively, groups may wish to visit in the school holidays – just ring **01908 263009** for availability.



Winning poster

PICTURED left is the winning poster in our School Alert competition. It was designed by Asha Harrison-Cowley from Oxley Park Primary School

The School Alert programme for schools in Milton Keynes is designed to involve students and the local community in preventing instances of damage and burglary to their schools.

How to join in the programme:

■ MK Schools with Y3 and Y6 pupils need to book their visit to Hazard Alley. MK Infant schools are also able to take part in the programme, even though their pupils are not eligible to visit the Safety Centre until Y3.

■ Staff need to contact the School Liaison Team to enquire about the School Alert programme and discuss their requirements.

■ The school will receive further details, including a registration certificate, which the head-teacher should sign and be return to the Safety Centre.

What happens next:

■ Members of our School Liaison Team will take a whole school assembly introducing the School Alert programme.

■ Your pupils are invited to take part in a vandalism poster competition, and local residents are informed about the programme.

For bookings, please phone **01908 236009**.

Letters from young visitors

MORE than 20,000 children a year visit the Safety Centre, and many of them write to thank us afterwards.

We are always delighted to receive their letters and drawings – please keep them coming! Here is a selection from a recent postbag.



To help staff at Hazard Alley maintain the highest possible standards, teachers are asked to fill in evaluation forms after bringing children to the Safety Centre. A selection of their comments will be featured in a future edition.

The first thing I did when I came home was to see if we had a smoke detector. The good news is that we have two of them.
Phoebe Isaacs, Year 5, RMS

My favourite bit was when I made the 999 telephone call because I found out what would happen in a real emergency. I also was very interested in the recovery position because now I know what to do.
Kate, Bovingdon Primary School

I hope that all these useful things stay in my head forever, as I will need them in the future. I think the Safety Centre is a really good place to go to because you can learn lots of things and have fun at the same time. I wish I could go again!
Lucy

Thank you very much for teaching us all about hazards. I enjoyed it. I enjoyed calling 999 (the police). I learnt that you need to wear bright colours on bikes or walking in the dark. so thank you! I hope you enjoyed yourself. I certainly did, so thanks again.
Alice, Bovingdon Primary School

Drawings by Kate (far left) and Alice (right)

I really enjoyed seeing everything. Thank you very much. My favourite part was walking around. I learnt that it is very important to keep safe and that you should always tell my mum where I am going, what time I'll be back and also who I'm going with.
Jessica, Bovingdon Primary School