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Another great open day

WE would like to thank all our guests and helpers who contributed to another successful Safety Centre open day.

Guests included Cllr Brin Carstens, Mayor of Milton Keynes, and Mrs Carstens.

We took the opportunity to appeal for more volunteers as the Safety Centre always needs to recruit more people to show the children around.

If you would like to come to the Safety Centre and have a no-obligation chat, please ring **01908 263009**.



Recruitment team – Jean Hanson Furniss and helper.



Pictured at the open day with Spike the Road Safety Hedgehog are the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Brin Carstens, Mrs Carstens and Suzanne Davis, our secondee from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

We can prove the benefits!

WE'VE always known that children benefit from visiting Hazard Alley – but now we can prove it!

An evaluation programme carried out over the last 12 months tested knowledge gained at the Safety Centre by more than 2,000 Milton Keynes schoolchildren.

Jan Alder, Safety Centre Director, said: "Statistical analysis of the results shows highly significant increases in knowledge, and proof that these increases would not have occurred without our

intervention. The on-line quizzes taken by children before and after their visits have resulted in an objective measure of our work.

"We have always known intuitively that children benefit hugely from their visit and follow-ups, but this programme has given us credible data which proves our worth.

"Children learn and retain important safety messages that could save lives."

Over 21,000 children visited the Safety Centre last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FOLLOWING a presentation to Newly Qualified Teachers, we'd like to invite NQTs to visit the Safety Centre. Even if you are not currently teaching the appropriate year group, it may interest you to know what we offer for the future. Just give us a call on **01908 263009**.

NEW "quizdom" equipment has been installed in the petrol station scenario to enhance in-car safety messages. It was funded by MK, Herts and Bucks Community Foundations. Children test their knowledge using hand-held remotes to "vote" for their preferred answer.



Open day visitors put the new equipment to the test.