



Hello Modeshift STARS Co-ordinator,

Welcome to the autumn term with Modeshift STARS!

Autumn brings plenty of opportunities for schools to promote safe and sustainable travel. Remember to include anything you do to encourage safer, greener or healthier travel in your **Modeshift STARS** Action Plan and help your school achieve bronze, silver or gold accreditation.

Congratulations to the following schools who have recently been awarded their Modeshift STARS accreditation of bronze: **Moseley School and Sixth Form, West Heath Primary, Wheelers Lane Primary, Nelson Infant and Junior School and Lea Forest Primary** – and more schools are expected to achieve accreditation this term - good luck everyone!

Some activities to get involved with this term:

Bike to School Week 2019 (23 to 27 September) - This is a great way to get pupils into good habits at the start of the new school year. You'll find lots of fantastic resources provided by Sustrans.

Schools registered with Modeshift STARS can also receive one of our Bike Maths resources absolutely FREE. This is a fantastic team game suitable for children in KS2. If you're interested in receiving the Bike Maths resource free of charge, email mandi.slater@birmingham.gov.uk .

International Walk to School Month (October) - Pull on your autumn boots and join thousands of children across the globe celebrating the walk to school! As well as being good exercise, walking can help teach children road safety skills and encourage interaction with family and friends.

To make a walk more fun, download our **I Spy and Scavenger Hunt resources** to use along the way.

WOW challenge - If your school would like to encourage walking to school all year round, then the WOW (Walk Once a Week) challenge is for you. The Birmingham Living Streets Co-Ordinator will be working with several Modeshift STARS registered schools and there are a few FREE spaces left. **Find out how the pupils from Benson School enjoyed taking part and contact raji.tahker@livingstreets.org.uk** to get involved.

Be Bright Be Seen – Don't forget to change the clocks on 27 October! With daylight hours reducing it's important to spread road safety messages to children walking or cycling to school. You can find a variety of **KS1 resources on the THINK! website**.

Road Safety Week (18 to 24 November) – The theme this year is 'Step up for Safe Streets' - sign up for a **FREE action pack**.

Staff training – Modeshift STARS registered schools can attend the following FREE staff training sessions. If you are interested in taking part email mandi.slater@birmingham.gov.uk

- **Road safety training:**

13 November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham
or

11 February, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

- **Clean air training:**

2 October, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Council House, Birmingham

or

29 January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Council House, Birmingham

If you need a little extra support with Modeshift STARS, we can also offer training sessions on 'Getting Started with Modeshift STARS' and 'Moving on to Accreditation'. We aim to deliver training sessions to groups of schools in local clusters, if your school could host one of our Modeshift STARS training sessions, let us know: mandi.slater@birmingham.gov.uk

Young Active Travel Trust funding – Grants of up to £1000 are available to support delivery of your Modeshift STARS Action Plan. Don't miss out! Applications need to be submitted to us by the following dates:

- Autumn term – 29 November 2019
- Spring term – 28 February 2020
- Summer term – 29 May 2020

Class Pass – If you are planning a school trip then why not travel by bus? For just £59 the Class Pass gives up to 30 children and 6 adults all day unlimited travel across National Express West Midlands and Coventry bus services.

Visit our web pages for more information about safer, greener, healthier travel to school:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/modeshiftstars

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