



IMP ortant News For schools



Oxford I.M.P.S. is very proud to have been awarded LASER accreditation again this year.

LASER (Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk) is the 'kite mark' for safety education and endorses the quality of the I.M.P.S. safety education programme.

I.M.P.S. is also a member of the Child Safety Education Coalition (CSEC). CSEC reduces unintended injuries through high quality practical safety education..

More information can be found at www.csec.org.uk

The children from St John the Evangelist were interviewed during a recent I.M.P.S. visit for the August CSEC newsletter. This is available on the CSEC website.

www.impsweb.co.uk

The I.M.P.S. website now has a 'kidzone' section where the students can send us comments about how they have changed their behaviour as a result of the risk awareness work they have done with I.M.P.S. or if they have helped someone using their first aid skills. There will also be a link to the I.M.P.S. evaluation quiz from the new pages on the website.

The quiz can still be accessed at www.impsquiz.co.uk and we will be asking all of the new year 6 I.M.P.S. pupils to do the quiz in September prior to any intervention from I.M.P.S. or any other agency.



Partnerships

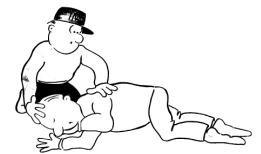


I.M.P.S. supports the Oxfordshire St John Ambulance recovery position scenario at Junior Citizens. You may have met some of the I.M.P.S. trainers at Rewley Road.

Junior Citizens and I.M.P.S. compliment and reinforce each others work.

For more information about JC go to: www.juniorcitizentrust.org.uk

Why don't you?



End every PE session with the students putting each other into the recovery position?

This means they keep their skill levels high.

It is also an ideal 'cool down' activity.

For help and advice go to www.impsweb.co.uk/where-we-are/oxford.htm

(you can download our sponsored recovery challenge sheets there too)

Please let us know if you incorporate the recovery position into your PE lessons.

OR
Run a recovery challenge stall at your school fete or parents evening.

I.M.P.S. special needs project

We have been working hard to improve our special needs programme for the 13 schools and units that are enrolled on I.M.P.S. We are now able to offer a 'custom' ordered visit for the students which the teacher pre orders to suit the ability of the students. Our trainers then plan the morning session in advance using the information supplied by the teacher.

This has enabled us to deliver relevant risk management and safety education to the students. We also have a 'tool box' of resources including DVD's and extra telephones to practice 999 calls.

All of our trainers have also received training in Makaton sign language to enable them to communicate with all of the students.

The special needs project will be evaluated over the summer and the report will be available on request.

We would love to have any photographs taken during the special needs visits. They will be used in presentations, displays, website etc, therefore, parental permission must have been gained before sending them to us.

Here are some of the teachers comments from our special needs sessions this term:

'The staff were all so approachable, the kids felt comfortable and were able to all join in'

'I felt you were very flexible and accommodating'

'staff were very understanding of the nature of our pupils and tailored the session to meet their needs'



I have learnt about:
 'keeping out of danger'
 'to phone 999 in an emergency'
 'to put burns under the cold tap for 10 minutes and cover with cling film'

I.M.P.S. is an injury prevention education programme that consists of 3 elements.

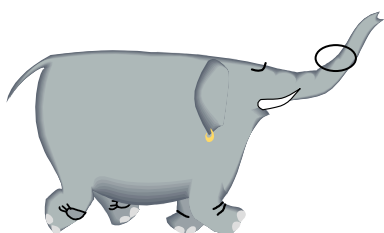
1. Curriculum linked resource
2. A hospital visit
3. Follow up lessons at school

Using I.M.P.S. skills.

We have had reports that a young man now aged 17 was able to use skills learnt at I.M.P.S. when his neighbour collapsed recently.

A year 6 pupil was able to use his I.M.P.S. skills when his grandfather collapsed

We respect the privacy of the families involved and will not divulge any further information.





Thank you to all the schools that have raised money for I.M.P.S. this term.

- ☺ Bardwell
- ☺ Northern House
- ☺ John Watson
- ☺ Caldecott
- ☺ Hagbourne.

Thanks also for the donation of a television to Abingdon I.M.P.S.

- ☺ Rye St Antony
- ☺ St Johns Priory

All money raised goes towards the costs of your schools I.M.P.S. visit the following year. As we only receive partial funding from the Primary Care Trust it is only by donations from schools that we are able to continue to provide the I.M.P.S. programme to 192 Oxfordshire schools each year.

During the last financial year 09/10 each school donated an average of £28.75 to the continuation of I.M.P.S. for their year 6 pupils. 21.5% of I.M.P.S. schools made a donation towards the programme.

Special thanks goes to:

- ☺ Charlton Primary school that donated the proceeds of their year 5 & 6 production.
- ☺ The 3 pupils from Woodstock primary school for raising money by holding a cake sale and doing the recovery position challenge.
- ☺ St Nicholas Marston who raised money for I.M.P.S. at a production of Bugsy Malone.

We thank all schools and parents that value the work that we do with year 6 and hope we can rely on your support in the current financial climate.

We would also like to thank the following schools for their support for members of the I.M.P.S. London Marathon Team 2010.

Holy Trinity RC School, Chipping Norton who supported Jon Heald.

Witney Community School who supported Paul Thomas

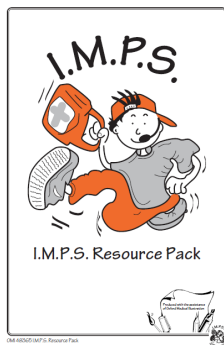
Didcot Girls School who supported Erica Robinson

Ducklington who supported their governor Scott Newcombe.

Thanks to Amanda Gill who is a TA at Bloxham Primary School.

So far this year we have raised £6961 from our marathon runners.

If you wish to reserve a Golden Bond place for next year and can guarantee raising at least £1500 for I.M.P.S. please contact Debbie Lock in the office.



Please look after your copy of the I.M.P.S. resource and CD and download the CD onto a PC at school. Due to a large number of missing resource books we are now having to raise the cost of replacement copies to £25.00.

Regretfully there will now be a cancellation charge of £150 to any school that cancels a hospital visit with less than 24 hours notice. Please make sure your parents are aware at the beginning of the academic year that the school is enrolled on I.M.P.S. and will be visiting the hospital as part of an **education** programme. It is important that parents do not think that I.M.P.S. is a school trip. It benefits their child by teaching them skills for life.

The I.M.P.S. team wish you a good and safe summer break.