

LAUNDE NEWS

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ALIEN DESCENDS TO HELP WITH PARKING



Spike, the Travel Tracker mascot and our Road Safety Officers.

By Mariam and Hannah

On Monday 30th September, the app travel tracker was introduced into our school. This programme was started as we wanted to encourage the students at Launde to come to school in a more environmentally-friendly way and to reduce dangerous parking.

Every morning the students have to log how they have come to school. We have started to use this amazing app to encourage our pupils to walk to school. At the end of each month those who have walked will be awarded with a very desirable badge. Huzaifa (a year three student) excitedly said, "The hot air balloon is my favourite!"



Mrs Pallett (the school parent officer) explained that she wanted to introduce the travel tracker, "To help the students have a healthy life style by walking cycling or parking and striding which will also help with the parking issues outside the school."

As part of the initiative, Mrs Pallett arranged for a mascot, Spike the alien, to walk down New Street with the children. Lots of children were full of joy and excitement to walk to school with the Alien school in the morning and parents reported that this was an amazing idea to get pupils to walk to school.

Spike confided that, "I think it is so important for all inhabitants of the Earth to help with the environment and to ensure that children stay safe getting to the school gates."



Is parking really that bad at Launde?

Frankly, it is worse than we could have possibly imagined. Our lovely assistant head (Mrs Johnston) said, "It is just a matter of time until a really nasty accident happens. Something has to be done which is why we have put in place the Road Safety Team to help educate everyone in how to park more safely!"

We asked our roving Road Safety Team how they felt about the parking outside of school. Manahil (year 6) told us that, "It is really dangerous out there, we have to do something for the safety of all the pedestrians crossing the road."

The Road Safety Team have huge plans and are beginning their work by conducting a traffic survey on Friday the 18th of October. They will use this to inform them in how to make changes.

Watch this space because hopefully big changes are coming to make our roads safer!