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Chance to win a £25 voucher

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire & Rescue Service is running a firework safety competition for children aged eight and over.

To enter, just visit www.bucksfire.gov.uk and follow the link from the home page.



There is a £25 Argos voucher for five lucky winners in each of the following areas – Milton Keynes, Aylesbury Vale District, Chiltern District, South Bucks District and Wycombe District.

The closing date is 16 November 2007.

New member of staff

WE would like to welcome our new member of staff, Wendy Martin.

Wendy, pictured, will be supervising the tours and making sure everything runs smoothly so that the children get the most out of their visit.



Part of the water safety scenario at the Safety Centre, generously supported by the Parks Trust.

THANKS to the Parks Trust for their continued generous support of our water safety scenario.

Children are faced with the emergency situation of someone drowning in the lake and have to decide the best strategy to rescue the person.

Of course, we emphasise safe places to swim and general responsible behaviour around open water, as well as the consequences of vandalising lifesaving equipment.



Just some of pictures taken at the Safety Centre open day in August.



Another great open day

WE would like to thank all our guests and helpers who contributed to another successful day – one of our busiest yet!

Children enjoyed a teddy

hunt, a safety quiz, a fruit shy (brought along by MK Trading Standards) and mini fire engine rides, as well as a chance to look at the real thing when Great Holm Firefighters attended.



Val Hall is pictured with a group of pupils during a follow-up lesson.

Well done Michelle!

WELL done to Michelle Watson, who took part in a pilot scheme run by Milton Keynes Council.

It trialled a vocational qualification for people working with children, mainly in schools, which was adapted for her work at the Safety Centre.



Michelle is pictured left with her certificate.

How to enhance your visit

THERE is now the opportunity for schools to enhance their visit to the Safety Centre through an **on-line evaluation programme** and **follow-up lessons**.

The **on-line evaluation programme** will:

- Focus the children before their visit
- Reinforce all the messages

- Provide proof of knowledge gained which can be used for PSHE assessment.

- Check understanding and challenge misconceptions

The **follow-up lessons** can be specifically tailored to your school's needs.

This could cover road safety, the consequences of crime (in particu-

lar vandalism and shop theft), drugs awareness, internet safety and many more.

Our schools liaison team (all qualified teachers) can visit your school and deliver the above programmes.

Please ring the Safety Centre on **01908 263009** and ask for Val Hall, Kay Pistell or June Paterson for more information and charges.



Welcome to our new recruits – left to right Mavis Gould, Susan Todhunter and Stuart Friis – who have completed their training and have been showing children around the Safety Centre teaching them important safety messages.



On-line evaluation (left) brings a number of benefits.

Success for Kay

PICTURED on the right is Kay Pistell, a member of our schools liaison team, who has successfully completed the Certificate in Teaching of PSHE with Drug Education.



Join our band of volunteers

WE are always looking for new volunteers to help us with the growing numbers of children wishing to visit the Centre. We offer excellent training, expenses, sweatshirts, but most of all a rewarding experience.

If you think this could be for you, just give us a ring and come and have a look at how it works.

Call the Safety Centre on 01908 263009 and ask for our Volunteer Coordinator Melanie Rolfe, who is pictured on the right.



Course dates to June 2008

NOVEMBER 2007

1-2 Refresher Course
(two-day course)
7 Appointed Persons Course
(one-day course)
15-16 & 19-20 First Aid
at Work (four-day course)
27 Appointed Persons
Course

DECEMBER 2007

3-6 First Aid at Work
12 Appointed Persons
Course
17-18 Refresher Course

JANUARY 2008

9 Appointed Persons Course
10-11 & 14-15 First Aid
at Work
17-18 Refresher Course
30 Appointed Persons
Course

FEBRUARY 2008

13 Appointed Persons Course
14-15 Refresher Course
21-22 & 25-26 First Aid
at Work
27 Appointed Persons
Course

MARCH 2008

6-7 & 10-11 First Aid
at Work
12 Appointed Persons
Course
26-27 Refresher Course
28 Appointed Persons
Course

APRIL 2008

3-4 & 7-8 First Aid at Work
9 Appointed Persons Course
14-15 Refresher Course

MAY 2008

2 Appointed Persons Course
8-9 & 12-13 First Aid
at Work
21 Appointed Persons
Course
22-23 Refresher Course

JUNE 2008

4 Appointed Persons Course
5-6 & 9-10 First Aid at Work
16-17 Refresher Course
18 Appointed Persons
Course



International interest in Safety Centre

THE Safety Centre often hosts visits from interested parties in the UK, especially those wishing to start their own Centre.

We have also recently come to

the attention of international visitors – pictured is a party from the Japanese Intercultural Academy of Municipalities, which visited in September.

Manual handling course

THE Safety Centre runs a manual handling course which aims to provide instruction in the principles of safer load-handling techniques and explain the legislative and physiological factors affecting manual handling operations.

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Explain the role of relevant legislation and guidelines relating to safer moving and handling
- Describe how the musculo-

skeletal system can be used effectively to reduce the risk of injury and contribute to efficient moving and handling

- Explain safer handling principles and techniques
- State how they will safely and effectively solve moving and handling problems in their workplace

For more details, contact the Safety Centre on **01908 263009**.

NQTs – come and see what we offer

FOLLOWING a recent presentation to Milton Keynes Newly Qualified Teachers, we would like to extend an invitation to NQTs to actually visit the Centre.

Although you may not be teach-

ing the appropriate year group currently, it may be of interest to know what we offer for the future.

Just give us a call on **01908 263009**.

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and donations. The Safety Centre is very much a partnership venture which only works because of the invaluable support from the community as well as a team of dedicated staff.

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