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Co-operative by name and nature!

WE would like to say a big thank-you to the Co-op Group, who have updated the shop theft scenario at the Safety Centre.

Children from Bedgrove School in Aylesbury joined representatives from the Co-op, Thames Valley Police, Safety Centre Director Jan Alder and Partners Against Crime Coordinator Gail Buckland at the official opening, pictured above.

Partners Against Crime aims to provide a safe and more secure environment for people who visit, live and work in Milton Keynes.

In the shop theft scenario, volunteer guides try to make the children understand the feelings associated with crime from the perspective of the

victim, the offender and the community as a whole.

Jan said: "We are all delighted that the Co-op Group have been able to support us in this way.

"Making our scenarios as realistic and memorable as possible really helps us to deliver this important crime reduction message."

Two follow-up teaching resources – shop theft lesson plans and shop theft activity ideas – are available for download from the Safety Centre's website at www.safetycentre.co.uk

They have been designed in conjunction with the Milton Keynes Retail Shop Theft Initiative and Thames Valley Police.

Top marks for Safety Centre!

THE Safety Centre has shown itself to be at the top of the class for educational visits by being awarded a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge.

Awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the badge combines for the first time learning and safety into one easily recognisable badge for all organisations providing 'learning outside the classroom' experiences.



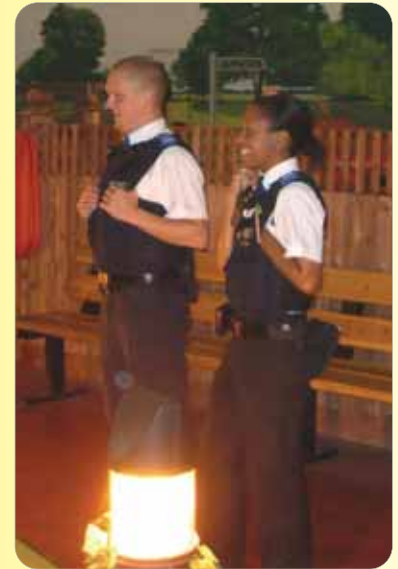
Safety Centre Director Jan Alder said: "This is a real coup for all the staff here as it shows that we offer young people the type of high quality learning experiences they really benefit from. We're thrilled to get official recognition for our efforts and look forward to welcoming even more children and young people from the local area."

The Quality Badge was developed as part of the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto, a national initiative to ensure young people are given more opportunities to have these experiences as part of the curriculum.

Our 2009 open day



Deputy Mayor Cllr Debbie Brock with Cllr Peter Geary (left) and the emergency services (above and right) are pictured at the open day in August.



THE 2009 open day was another successful day for the Safety Centres.

Visitors were given tours of the centre's carefully-designed safety awareness scenarios, and also had the opportunity to take part

in competitions, games and activities, and to pick up safety advice from Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

There was even a moment of drama as firefighters were

demonstrating how they use hydraulic equipment to release people trapped in vehicles after car crashes. They had to pack their gear away and drive off on blue lights and two-tone sirens after being called to a fire.

Emergency Service lessons



Left: A pupil "reflects" on what he has learned from the classroom input.



Right: The lessons feature a 999 game to help reinforce key messages.

FUNDING from Milton Keynes Council has allowed the Safety Centre to deliver classroom input for Year 2 pupils in Milton Keynes.

There are a variety of subjects on offer, and one of the most popular shows the children how the emergency services help us and how to dial 999.

These sessions are invaluable for establishing an understanding of when it is appropriate to call the emergency services and what

information they will need in order to send the right help to the right place promptly.

This is what one Year 2 teacher had to say about the classroom input:

■ *"Children all involved and able to talk confidently about emergency services the next day . . . excellent delivery."*

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

999 CASE STUDY

A PUPIL witnessed an elderly man fall and injure his head and remembered what she had learned during a trip to Hazard Alley. She knew she must call the emergency services and report the accident quickly and accurately, allowing the ambulance crew to treat the unconscious man promptly – potentially saving his life. The girl and her friends were praised by the ambulance crew and their headteacher for their quick thinking and responsible behaviour.



■ The Safety Centre's volunteers visited Bourton on the Water and Blenheim Palace for their summer outing in 2009.



■ The Safety Centre was hired for a day by the East of England Ambulance Service, who trained their paramedic using our lifelike scenarios.



■ We strive to improve and update our scenarios whenever necessary. This is our new building site scenario, complete with hard hats!



■ Many thanks to the John Lewis Partnership for their kind donation of a fridge for our volunteers' rest room.



■ Schools liaison team member and former Milton Keynes teacher June Paterson has retired. We will miss her wicked sense of humour!



■ June's replacement, Maggie Foan, joined us in September. Maggie has been a teacher in schools in Bedfordshire for many years.

Course dates for the coming year

JANUARY 2010

- 7-8 Re-qualification Course
(two-day course)
- 11 Emergency First Aid at Work
(one-day course)
- 19-20 Paediatric First Aid
(two-day course)
- 21-22 & 25 First Aid at Work
(three-day course)

FEBRUARY 2010

- 9 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 11-12 Re-qualification Course
- 25-26 & 1 Mar First Aid at Work

MARCH 2010

- 4-5 Re-qualification Course
- 9 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 16-17 Paediatric First Aid
- 25-26 & 29 First Aid at Work

APRIL 2010

- 19 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 20-22 First Aid at Work
- 29-30 Re-qualification Course

MAY 2010

- 10-11 Paediatric First Aid
- 17 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 18-19 Re-qualification Course
- 25-27 First Aid at Work

JUNE 2010

- 15-16 Re-qualification Course
- 22 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 24-25 & 28 First Aid at Work

JULY 2010

- 9 & 12-13 First Aid at Work
- 20-21 Re-qualification Course
- 22 Emergency First Aid at Work

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 21 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 23-24 Re-qualification Course
- 28-30 First Aid at Work

OCTOBER 2010

- 14-15 Re-qualification Course
- 21-22 & 25 First Aid at Work
- 26 Emergency First Aid at Work

NOVEMBER 2010

- 23 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 25-26 & 29 First Aid at Work
- 30 & 1 Dec Re-qualification Course

DECEMBER 2010

- 9-10 Re-qualification Course
- 14 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 16-17 & 20 First Aid at Work

Damian Smith
- six years as a Safety Centre Trustee.



Farewell to Damian

GOODBYE to Damian Smith, a Safety Centre Trustee for six years, who has retired from his post as Chief Fire Officer for Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire.

Chair of Trustees Peter Ballard said: "Damian has been a valuable member of the Board and we would like to thank him for his contribution."

First Aid has changed!

THE regulations governing First Aid changed on 1 October. The type of courses being offered has also changed.

The Appointed Persons course has now been replaced by a six-hour course entitled Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW). The four-day First Aid at Work course (FAW) has been reduced to three days. However, the most significant change is the guidance on what level of first-aider can deal with what kind of illness/condition.

These changes have resulted in many businesses and schools not being clear about exactly what type of First Aid cover they are now required to provide.

If you find yourself in this situation, then please feel free to contact us. We will arrange for our consultant to come out to see you, free of charge, to go through the new regulations with you and provide guidance on any changes that you may need to make. Contact the Safety Centre on **01908 263009**.

Legal requirements: How many first-aiders do I need?

Employers are required by law to make an assessment of the work place. The table below, compiled using information from the Health and Safety Executive, gives an indication of the minimum number of first-aiders required in the work place. You will need extra first-aiders to take account of special circumstances.

Risk category	Employees	Requirement
Low hazard, for example offices, shops and libraries	■ Less than 25	■ At least 1 appointed person
	■ 25 to 50	■ At least 1 first-aider (EFAW)
	■ More than 50	■ At least 1 first-aider (FAW) + 1 additional first-aider per 100 employees or part thereof
High hazard, for example work places not covered by low hazard	■ Less than 5	■ At least 1 appointed person
	■ 5 to 50	■ At least 1 first-aider (EFAW or FAW depending on hazard level)
	■ More than 50	■ At least 1 first-aider (FAW) + 1 additional first-aider per 50 employees or part thereof

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