

Rail Safety Assembly



This week the children in Years 1 to 6 explored 'Rail Safety' with Ryan, a Community Safety Manager for Network Rail. Every day Prince of Wales pupils and their families use Enfield's local stations, trains and crossings to travel to and from school each day. We learnt about the importance of STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE, to help keep us all safe around the railways.

Why is it important to keep safe around the railways?



Each year, around 60 deaths are caused by taking shortcuts or trespassing on Britain's railway. Incidents like these may involve young people playing near railway tracks, ignoring the level crossing barriers when they are down, or even the throwing of stones and other objects at trains.

The children learnt some facts about trains and the railways...

A train can weigh 400 tonnes, which is the same weight as eighty elephants. A train can travel 100 metres in three seconds – a train needs a lot of time to stop. There is a lot of weight and speed in a train, and this is why it is dangerous to play near a level-crossing/railway.

If the level crossing lights are flashing nobody is allowed to cross – even the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade on an emergency call, must wait until the barriers are lifted.

All level crossings are monitored and if people are throwing stones at the trains, they can be caught on camera and traced.



What did you learn this week about Railway Safety?

"When the lights are flashing and the barriers are down...STOP". Frankie

"When we trespass onto the railways it is bad...you could be fined a thousand pounds." Charlene.

"You must not throw stones at trains, otherwise you might hurt the train driver...and go to prison." Meryem

"We should not use a shortcut...by jumping over the barriers...we could wait until the barriers open. Or, you can use a bridge or a subway." Kimora-Lee

We learnt that electricity jumps...three meters and the overhead lines are 'live' with electricity." Umut and Jack

"If you drop your football onto the tracks, there is a yellow phone and you press the button and it calls for someone to help you." Mia



For more information, worksheets and primary school resources about 'Railway Safety', please visit www.networkrail.co.uk and search for Railway Safety, or speak to Mrs Stylli.