

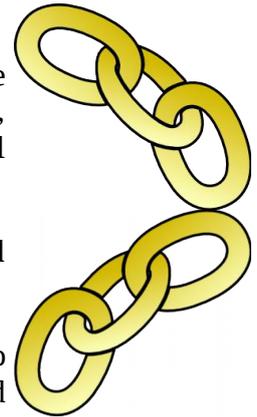
Oakington Primary School

BETTER BY

Will your bike get locked by the golden chain?

Watch out for the golden chain! It will mysteriously appear on a random bicycle in school on various days after half term. To free your bicycle, find Mrs Moss, Mr Mansell, Mrs Daggianti, or a member of the Bike It Crew (see box) who will unlock the chain and give you a special Bike It prize!

The more often you cycle to school, the more chances you have of being locked by the golden chain!



Bike Club - join the fun!

After-school Bike Club will start on **Mondays** after the half term break. We play lots of cycling games but also learn new skills - cycling techniques and also ways to keep our bikes in good shape. We always start with biscuits and end with Bike It Bear going home with someone who has tried extra hard that week. If you like cycling, try it out - you'll need to return the slip on the letter sent out last week, as soon as possible. If you missed your letter ask at the office or look on the school website.

(Check for the golden chain at lunch time so you have plenty of time to get it unlocked before you need to cycle home!)

Inventors, Get Busy!

Do you think the normal bikes you see look a bit dull? Do you find cycle clothing all rather uniform? Do you dream of whizzing round a bike race course? Well, it's not too late to take part in this term's Bike It competition!

Who are the Bike It Crew?

Curtis in Oak class, Ben and Matthew in Chestnut, and Kaitlyn, Heather, Anthony and Ethan in Birch Class.



Acorn, Elm and Maple class children are invited to **design a bike** - perhaps by colouring in the bike template which you can get from your teacher.

Birch, Chestnut and Oak, your creative mission is either to **design a bicycle race course** - perhaps with obstacles or other challenges - or

to **design a reflective jacket** (a template is available to get you started if you like.)



Entries should be on A4 paper with your name and class on the back, and given to Mrs Moss, Mr Mansell, or into the school office, by Tuesday 23rd February - that gives you half term. All entries will earn house points and the best will win fantastic Bike It prizes!

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Advance Notice: The Big Pedal

From 18th to 29th April, hundreds of schools across the UK will be competing to see who can achieve the highest proportion of pupils, parents and teachers cycling or scooting to school.

Oakington has taken part in The Big Pedal for several years and you can see a trophy from our past success in the entrance hall! This year we will be running several in-school competitions as well as taking part in the national contest. Big Pedal Bear will be visiting the class which has logged the highest proportion of cycle or scooter journeys each day !

Terrible pavements in Oakington

The village's Parish Council, among others, are trying to press the County Council to repair our dangerous pavements. You can help by taking a minute to report cracked and crumbling pavements on

www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/HighwaysReports/Highways/ReportProblem1.aspx

Hopefully the more people who report the problem, the more likely it is to be prioritised.

On your own two wheels?

Each spring we run an after-school session for parents and children from any class who are ready to learn to ride a "proper" bike but who need some hints or a bit of focused time to get going. This can really help - judging by the success rate in previous years.

If there is sufficient demand, we can hold a similar session this year - if you would be interested, please talk to (or leave a note at the school office for) Mrs Moss, Mr Mansell, or e-mail Jenny Prince (jenny@theprinces.me.uk).

Tips for parents

There's more about the Bike It project on the Bike It Cambs website www.bikeitcambs.org. Especially useful is the page for parents, including maps, guides and advice.



Safe fun cycle rides for families

Check out Sky Rides (www.goskyride.com) - these are friendly, led, supervised rides at a variety of levels.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mon 22nd Feb	Bike Club begins
Tue 23rd Feb	Closing date for Bike It competition
29th Feb - end of term	Golden Chain
Date TBA	"On Your Own Two Wheels" session
18th - 29th April	The Big Pedal

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