

The Reporter

School Walking Week was a great success this year with many local schools participating by encouraging their pupils to walk all or part of their journey to and from school.

The week included International Walk to School Day with schools in over 30 countries around the world taking part.

Mrs Caroline Smith, a local Headteacher, told our reporter, "As well as the proven health benefits, walking also provides an

excellent opportunity to develop road safety skills and to become more aware of the local environment.

Furthermore, children who walk to school are more alert and ready for the first lesson of the day."

Deputy Headteacher, Mr John Baxter, added, "Encouraging children to walk all, or at least the last part of, their journey to school also helps alleviate parking problems at the school gate."

Teaching activities

- Discuss the use of commas in the extract - paranthetic commas
- Discuss the use of the conjunction - 'furthermore'
- Investigate the meaning of 'alleviate' and suggest an alternative word/phrase
- Investigate facts and opinions expressed in the extract
- Discuss possible 'parking problems at the school gate'

Group activities

- Design a leaflet, to be distributed prior to School Walking Week, which encourages children to walk all, or some of, the way to and from school
- Write a report about events happening at your school during School Walking Week
- Design an advert to be placed in the local paper to encourage children to walk to and from school during School Walking Week