

**"MOVING
IN THE
RIGHT
DIRECTION"**

"Moving in the right direction" was EU's official 2012 motto for Mobility Week. There are people who are saying we are moving in the wrong direction, as we have been for the last 50 years or more. We can change that together and our school, III. OŠ Celje, is actively taking part in this.

Over the years we have been a part of several international and national projects aimed at improving our lifestyles, environment, quality of life and health. We may be a small school of about 400 students and 50 staff, but we believe every one of us has to do at least something to make a change. No matter how big an idea is, it always starts with one person. And that one person grows into a hundred, thousand, million. Be that one person! Join us! Help us mould the youth of today into the active adults of the future whom we so desperately need!



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MOBILITY WEEK 2012

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Mobility week 2012 at III. OŠ Celje

AS A PART OF COMENIUS' EURO SCHOOL LINKS PROJECT (2011-2013)

The city and municipality of Celje has once again taken part in the European Mobility Week Programme and as always our school took part in this year's event.

Being a part of the Euro School Links Comenius project we thought it prudent to "mobilize" our students as much as possible in order to further implement our goals in our every day lives. What good is an idea if no one adheres to it or lives by it?

The main event this year was held in front of the municipality's building where representatives of all the primary schools gathered to participate in the workshops and learn first-hand of the benefits our society would sow from changing our bad habits into environmentally suitable solutions. This main event followed a whole week of activities dedicated to improving our lifestyles including the now traditional "Day without cars" where pedestrians rule the streets for a day.



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- WALK TO SCHOOL AND BACK.
- USE A BICYCLE.
- GET MORE EXERCISE.
- USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.
- DON'T WASTE ENERGY.
- DON'T WASTE WATER.
- FIND THINGS YOU NEED LOCALLY.
- USE ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES.
- USE ELECTRIC / HYBRID CARS.
- ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO DO THE SAME.

new solutions for a healthier & better life

ROAD SAFETY: THE SCHOOL OF SAFE CYCLING

It is not enough to promote the use of alternative means of transport, such as bicycles, scooters, roller-blades etc. It is equally important to make sure every user is familiar with all the rules, regulations and safety precautions one needs in order to stay safe in traffic and thusly not represent an unnecessary threat to oneself or others. The school of safe driving provided:

- Rules and regulations for safe cycling.
- Inspecting your bicycle.
- Safety equipment (helmet, vest, lights, etc).
- Practical presentation of safe cycling on a course.
- Riding your bicycle on the cycling course.

ELECTRICAL VEHICLES - OUR FUTURE

Each year the municipality purchases a couple of new electric vehicles which are mostly used for cleaning the streets, waste management and promotional purposes. This year was no exception and the children were introduced to a brand new electric lorry which will further contribute to decrease the burden of heavy traffic on Celje's streets. The children seemed to love riding on it.

WORKSHOPS PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY, USE OF BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES AND ELECTRIC CARS.

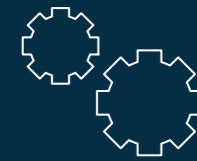
WHY WALK? ROLLERBLADE INSTEAD!

Another workshop was dedicated to rollerblading. Rollerblading is becoming one of the fastest growing hobbies among young children. It's fast, fun and healthy as well. But in addition to that, it also helps the environment by keeping cars



cars out of urban areas which are unfit for traffic in the first place. The instructor demonstrated the basics of rollerblading and was assisted by Mobility Week's official mascot in doing so. This activity also concluded this year's programme. And what did the children think of it?

- Patricija: "I liked the cycling part best."
- Jena: "I learnt a lot today. I hope I don't forget it."
- Anže: "There are too many cars in the world."
- Vid: "Not being in school and having fun like this is the best!"
- Oona: "When I was in the lorry I couldn't hear or smell anything."
- Martin: "I don't have rollerblades yet, but I'm hoping to get them soon."
- Domen: "I wouldn't mind having an electric car when I grow up."
- Špela: "It was a great day today. It really was fun!"



INVENT SOLUTIONS

There are so many bright and inventive people in the world today and some of the best solutions the humanity is facing nowadays are not a result of extensive scientific in a laboratory, but rather an idea proposed by a well-meaning, concerned individual who is concerned about the course of the world today. Are you such an individual?



DISSEMINATE SOLUTIONS

But having an idea is not enough. Sometimes this idea needs refining or it requires feedback and help from the community. But above all it needs a critical mass. No idea can work unless there are enough people behind it. Our computers, the internet and social media are a superb medium to achieve that.



"CLICK REVOLUTIONS"

The so called "click revolution" could be a new term for a quiet and peaceful revolution where people would adopt an idea (environmental or other) and act upon it. We do not need the government if we ourselves take our lives, the environment and our future on this world seriously. What are you waiting for? CLICK NOW!

