



## **THE PROJECT IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY**

### **“Green Go – Red Stop!”**

The project is being carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and it has been partially funded by the Road Safety Partnership whose role is to work for the improvement of road safety and decreasing the number of road crash victims in Poland. The members are the representatives of three sectors of public life – business, government and non-governmental organizations. They work together and contribute to decreasing the number of casualties on Polish roads. The Partnership is a member of the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) in Geneva which is an international organization working for the reduction in the number of road crashes in countries undergoing a transformation. In Poland the National Road Safety Council and the World Bank provide patronage for the Partnership.

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Educating children on road safety is of great importance. It is aimed at instilling certain standards of behavior in young road users which will result from their own reflections on that subject and not from memorizing some points or regulations.

Road safety education is an expensive and long-term process. However, research done in the countries where the level of safety is high shows that it is very effective. The contemporary world poses a lot of threats which affect those who are the most defenseless – children. The project is a great undertaking aimed not only at pupils from our school but also at pupils from the district thanks to the District Road Safety Knowledge Tournament for grades 1-3. We also invite schools from all over Poland to participate in the National Artistic Contest concerning road safety. We do not forget about kindergarten pupils and elderly people because they often fall victims to road crashes.

**Main objective:** undertaking actions which aim at improving pupils’ safety on the road to and from school and promoting responsible behavior as a pedestrian in the local community.

#### **Detailed objective:**

1. Providing pupils with knowledge essential for understanding the rules of being a conscious and safe road user as well as understanding the risks and their sources.
2. Forming skills and habits necessary for unassisted and responsible road using and decision-making.

3. Improving skills and competence concerning being safe on the road.
4. Promoting the idea of road safety especially among pupils who start their education.
5. Making pupils, parents, kindergarten pupils and elderly people aware of the obligation to wear fluorescent elements in accordance with the law.

## Tasks planned as part of the project:

- I. **Organizing the Second National Artistic Contest connected with Road Safety “Fluorescently – Visibly – Safely” aimed at grades 1-3, 4-6 as well as school common rooms** under the patronage of the District Police Headquarters in Dąbrowa Tarnowska.
- II. **The Fluorescent Soiree For Grandparents**  
Organizing for the third time an evening party for grandmothers and grandfathers.  
Singing songs and dancing for grandparents and preparing fluorescent gifts for them by the School Safety Club.  
Giving grandparents fluorescent elements such as armbands or lanyards to encourage them to behave appropriately on the road. In Poland everybody has been obliged by law to wear fluorescent elements since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.  
Preparing a stall where grandparents could get educational materials concerning The European Code Against Cancer and the campaign “Fluorescent Elements For The Elders”.
- III. The Twelfth District Road Safety Knowledge Tournament For Grades 1-3 “Impeccably and Safely” (innovation). Our school is the originator and the organizer of the Road Safety Knowledge Tournament for grades 1-3. It is organized on a few levels. There are school, municipal and district elimination rounds.
- IV. The active realization of tasks for the “Fluorescent School Contest” (the sixth edition in our school).  
The contest promotes wearing fluorescent clothing, which improve pedestrians’ safety. It also encourages headmasters, local authorities and parents to take active steps to provide children with fluorescent elements.
- V. Providing all pupils in our school with fluorescent waistcoats or other elements.
- VI. Organizing the school road safety knowledge competition for grades 1-3 and 4-6.
- VII. Organizing after-school classes connected with road safety: the School Safety Club for grades 4-6, classes in first aid “We teach how to rescue” for grades 1-6, educating pupils in road safety during lessons and additional classes for interested pupils from grade 3.
- VIII. Organizing the literary contest “Fluorescent Rhyming” for grades 1-3 and 4-6.
- IX. **Publishing a book entitled “Fluorescent Drawing and Rhyming”** under the patronage of the Road Safety Partnership Association. The book consists of drawings and rhymes concerning wearing fluorescent elements which were sent for the contest “Fluorescent Rhyming” and the photos of drawings sent for the artistic contest “Fluorescently – Visibly – Safely”. The book will be accessible in the school library and the Municipal Public Library. Moreover, it will be a gift for kindergarten pupils

who will visit our school during the School Open Day “Find Out Before You Decide”. We will also try to make efforts to place it in the collection of the National Library of Poland.

- X. Preparing a theatre performance about wearing fluorescent clothing by the members of the School Safety Club and volunteers from grade 3.
- XI. Promoting the action on the school and local websites, in the school and local newspapers and on classroom newsletters.
- XII. Preparing, printing and spreading postcards concerning road safety.
- XIII. Organizing an event summing up the actions taken as part of the “Fluorescent School Contest”, giving prizes, diplomas, certificates of distinction and thanks to all the participants, sponsors, invited guests and other people supporting us and promoting road safety.

### **Anticipated results of the project:**

Pupils will:

- improve skills and competence concerning being safe on the road;
- show the knowledge and the ability to move in town safely;
- learn basic rules of safety on the road;
- be able to manage in various, sometimes dangerous situations on the road;
- consolidate and expand their knowledge of road safety and first aid;
- be aware of the importance of wearing fluorescent clothing;
- promote wearing fluorescent clothing among their family and friends.

### **Kindergarten pupils and elderly people will:**

- wear fluorescent elements which will make them more visible and at the same time safer on the road.

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