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Bike It in Chester

Despite the harsh weather at the start of the January term Bike It battled on and cycling numbers in schools continued to increase. On the whole the children seemed undeterred - Highfield Primary in Blacon had an exciting cycle skills session where they were caught in an unexpected snow blizzard on the playground. As ever Dee Point Primary showed their commitment to all things cycling by beating all of the other Chester schools in the Virtual Bike Race and finishing in 11th place out of 425 schools nationally.

'Love your Bike Day' was held to celebrate Valentine's Day. It was a tremendous success with Guilden Sutton Primary notching up 134 bikes in one day. Over the four days of Love your Bike, 387 children biked to school to take part in cycling games, a bike wash and other bike maintenance activities.

'Ditch the Stabiliser' sessions, held in 8 of the bike it schools, were very well attended and extremely rewarding for both myself (Bike It officer Lydia Wilde) and the children. At Upton Heath Primary over 42 children from reception to year 3 took part and well over half of them were able to cycle unaided by the end of the session.

Sustrans Bike It works with 10 schools in the Chester area, in partnership with Chester West and Chester Council, to increase the number of children cycling to school.