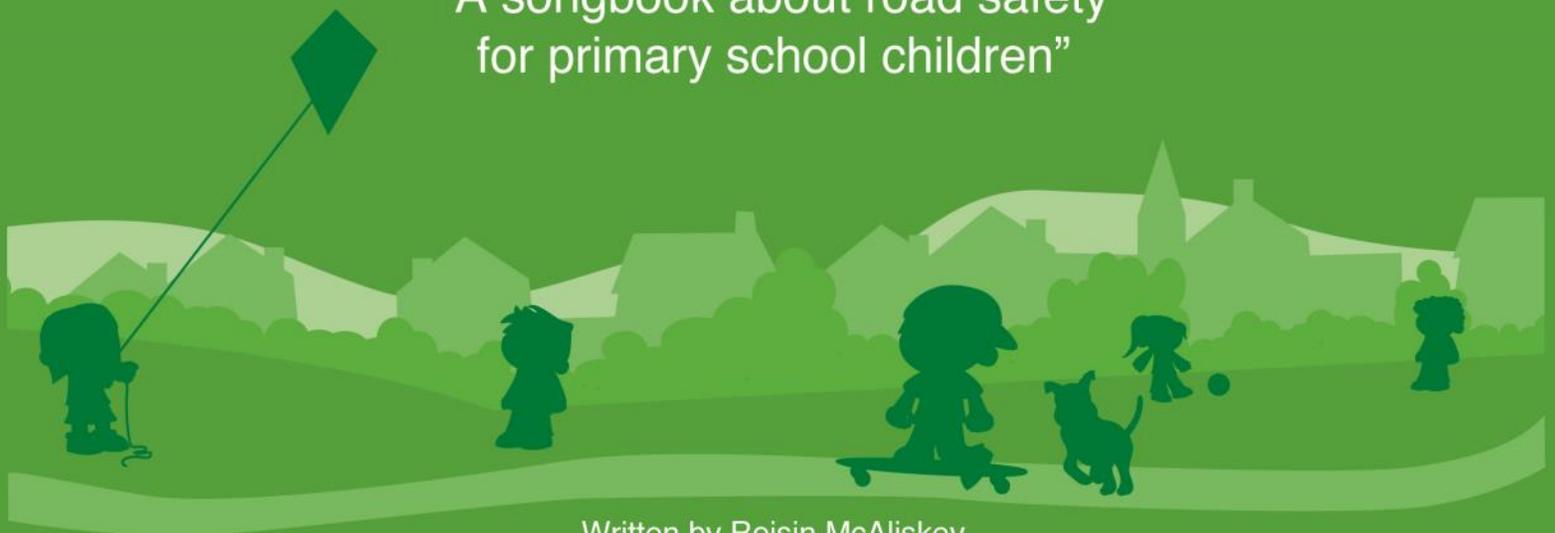


# JOURNEY TO SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY SONGBOOK



“A songbook about road safety  
for primary school children”



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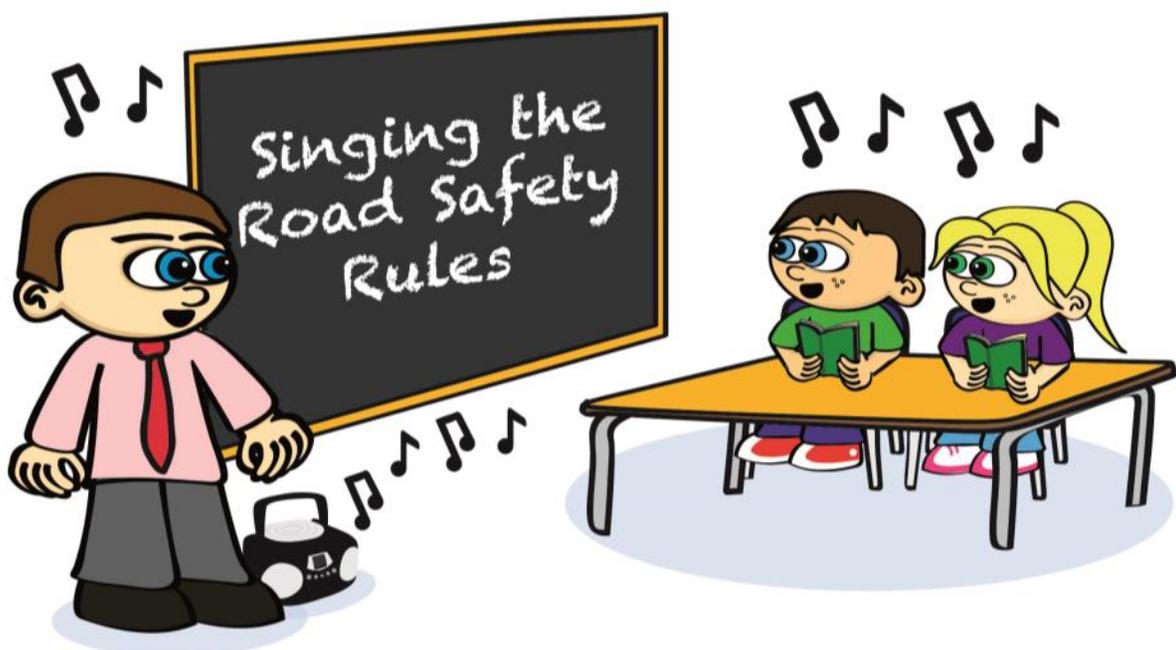


## About this songbook

This songbook is the product of a project funded by the Department of the Environment (DOE), Road Safety & Vehicle Regulation Division (RS & VRD), through Community Transport Association (CTA), which administers the road safety grant on behalf of the Department. The song book is aimed at primary school children, particularly, keystage 1 as a follow up to the **“Journey to School—What Are The Rules?”** booklet (2012) and **“Road Safety Rules—What Should You Chose?”** (2013). PDF copies of both of these publications are available on the project website [www.journeytoschool.com](http://www.journeytoschool.com)

In this project a new element of “learning through music” is introduced. According to research in Childcare Exchange Magazine, among other benefits, *“music develops listening skills, music helps children (and adults!) remember and music helps children speak clearly and pay attention”* , if the messages of road safety are therefore captured in music and song, the ability of young children to react, remember and respond to them will be increased. The two project characters, Maria and Mark will introduce a collection of songs themed on road safety issues specific to children.

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## Notes for parents and teachers

According to the DOE road safety strategy 2020 "*The immediate and short-term benefits of road safety education at early ages are well established. Research indicates that children and young people who have received such interventions make safer drivers in later life*". This project aims to bring a message to every child at keystage 1 level in NI; by reaching them at this early age with repetitive musical messages there will be retention of the messages later in life when they may recall the songs.

Children love to perform and will no doubt carry the songs from this book home to sing with older and younger siblings, parents and family members which will increase the reach of the road safety messages and contribute to the reduction of fatalities and injuries on our roads.

On each page there is a voice score for each song (all in the key of C) and the lyrics for each song. The song melodies are recognisable nursery rhymes. Lyric sheets are available for download on the [www.journeytoschool.com](http://www.journeytoschool.com) website. The accompanying CD includes a vocal track for each song and an instrumental only track to allow classes to perform the songs. Sound files of each song are also available on [www.journeytoschool.com](http://www.journeytoschool.com)

## Art Competition

As part of this project—every primary school in Northern Ireland received notification of an Art Competition requesting pupils to submit a road safety picture with a short line describing what the message was in their picture. After a phenomenal response to the competition, a number of winning entries have been selected to illustrate this song book and the CD cover. Congratulations to all our winners and well done to all the boys and girls who submitted entries.

### Winners

- P1. John Brown**, Cumran P.S., Co Down
- P2. Ryan Topping**, Lisbellaw P.S., Co Fermanagh
- P3. Matthew Bushe**, Crumlin Integrated P.S., Co Antrim
- P4. Michael Nevin**, St. Joseph's P.S. Belfast
- P5. Amos Johnston**, Irvinestown P.S., Co Fermanagh
- P6. Jack O'Shea**, St Nicholas' P.S., Co Down
- Joint P7. Nicola Murray**, Dumadonnell P.S. Co Down
- Joint P7. Anna McKenna**, Holy Rosary P.S. Belfast

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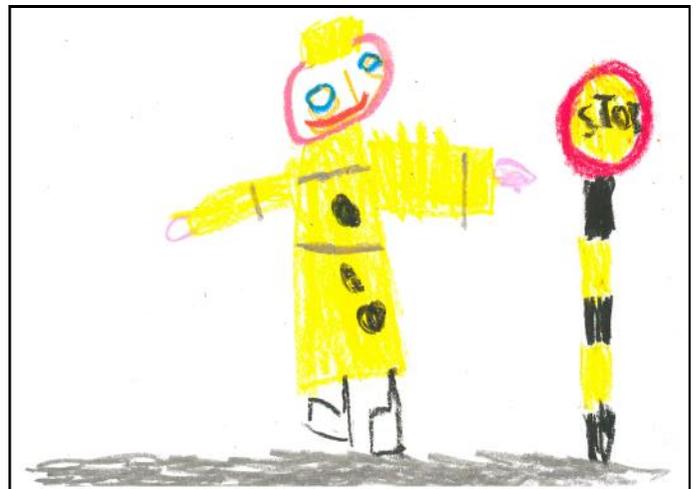




**1st Name:** John Brown **School:** Cumran P.S. Co Down  
**Message:** "Wear your belt on the bus"



**2nd Name:** Macie Haggart **School:**  
 Bridge Integrated P.S. Co Down  
**Message:** "Don't go until the lollypop  
 says go!"



**3rd Name:** Abi Neill  
**School:** Bush P.S. Co Tyrone  
**Message:** "Cross the road with the  
 lollipop person"

# Stop! Look! Listen!

(Frère Jacques )

Voice

Stop! Look! List - en! Stop! Look! List - en! Cross-ing the road,

Vo.

Cross-ing the road, Yo - u - must re - mem - ber! Yo - u - must re - mem - er! The

Vo.

Green Cross Code The Green Cross Code

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and contains the lyrics 'Stop! Look! List - en! Stop! Look! List - en! Cross-ing the road,'. The second staff is labeled 'Vo.' and contains the lyrics 'Cross-ing the road, Yo - u - must re - mem - ber! Yo - u - must re - mem - er! The'. The third staff is also labeled 'Vo.' and contains the lyrics 'Green Cross Code The Green Cross Code'. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).



The aim of this song is to remind children of the green cross code and the call to stop, look, listen! This is a simple song that should create a memorable message that children will recall when crossing the road.



**1st Name:** Ryan Topping **School:** Lisbellaw P.S.

**Message:** "Always hold an adult's hand when you cross the road"



**2nd Name:** Evan Bradley

**School:** St. Columba's Kilrea

**Message:** "Going to school safely"



**2nd Name:** Olivia-Rae Carroll

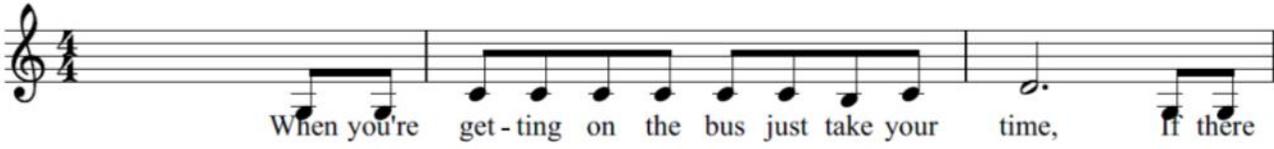
**School:** Crumlin Integrated P.S.

**Message:** "Follow road safety rules"

# Safe & Happy On The Bus

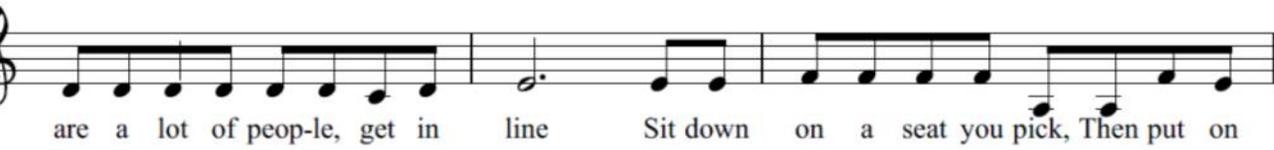
(If you're happy and you know it)

Voice



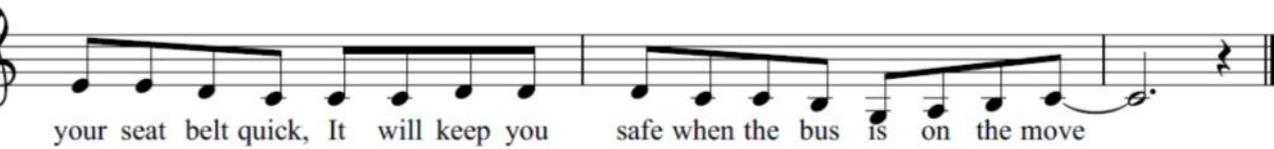
When you're get-ting on the bus just take your time, If there

Vo.



are a lot of peop-le, get in line Sit down on a seat you pick, Then put on

Vo.



your seat belt quick, It will keep you safe when the bus is on the move

**2. Make sure your school bag isn't in the way  
It might trip someone and they could hurt their head  
Don't distract the driver please,  
They are driving carefully,  
And stay on your seat until the bus has stopped**

**3. When you're getting off the bus, just take your time,  
Wait until it's stopped then down the steps you climb,  
Wait until the bus goes,  
Before you try to cross the road,  
When the traffic's clear just follow your green cross code**



This song aims to teach children about the rules of safe bus travel in terms of getting on the bus, what rules to follow when the bus is moving and also how to safely get off the bus. Many serious injuries and fatalities are caused by people trying to cross the road when the bus is affecting their view of the traffic.



**1st**

**Name:** Matthew Bushe

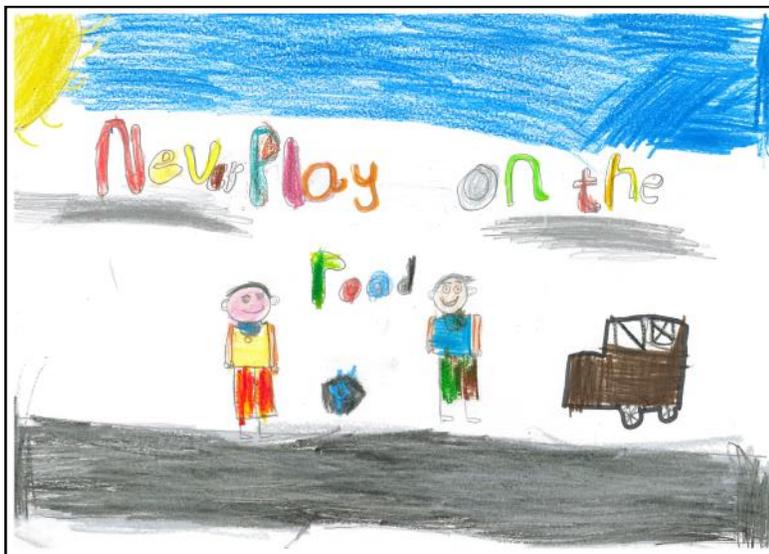
**School:** Crumlin

Integrated P.S.

Co Antrim

**Message:**

"Be safe, Be Seen!"



**2nd (above) Name:** Aimee

**School:** St Finlough's P.S. Co Derry

**Message:** "My picture shows not to play on the road!"

**3rd (right) Name:** Abbie Crawford

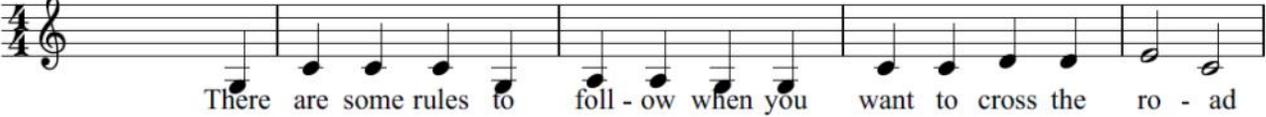
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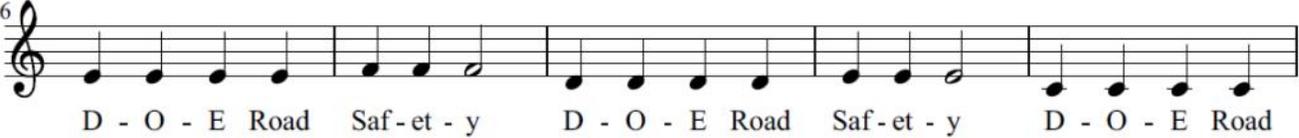
**Message:** "Wear reflective gear when it's dark!"

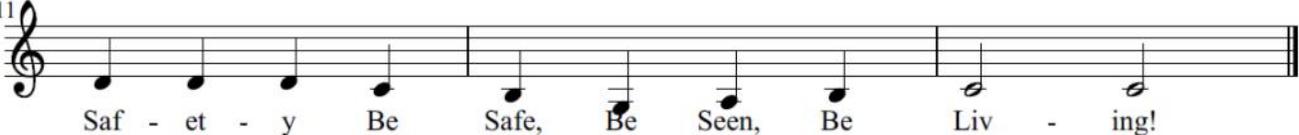


# Crossing-O

(B-I-N-G-O)

Voice 

Vo. 

Vo. 

**2. If you are with an adult you should hold onto their hand**  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
Be safe, Be seen, Be living

**3. Look for a safe place like a zebra or a pelican crossing**  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
Be safe, Be seen, Be living

**4. Make sure that you can see both ways, look right, look left and listen**  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
Be safe, Be seen, Be living

**5. Walk straight across the quiet road but keep on looking and listening**  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
D-O-E Road Safety  
Be safe, Be seen, Be living



The aim of this song is to reiterate the steps that should be taken to cross the road safely. It also brings in some level of brand recognition for DOE Road Safety who have funded this project and uses one of the previous DOE Road Safety campaign straplines "Be Safe, Be Seen"



**1st**

**Name:** Amos Johnston

**School:** Irvinestown

P.S. Co Fermanagh

**Message:**

"Always read the signs when you are going to school"



**2nd Name:** Annie Agnew

**School:** St. Paul's Ahoghill, Co Antrim

**Message:** "Going to school safely"



**3rd Name:** Caelan

**School:** St Comgall's P.S., Co Antrim

**Message:** "Always wait for the green man"

# Car Rules Rule!

## (Three Blind Mice)

Voice   
In the car, I sit on my boos - ter seat, I put on my belt, and

Vo.   
make sure it fits me. I'd nev - er tr - y to op - en the door, Or

Vo.   
take my belt o - ff to stand on the floor, Or put my head or arms

Vo.   
out as we drive, I want to stay a - live



The aim of this song is to remind children of the various “dos” and “don’ts” of safe travel in a car, a step-by-step reminder that makes them think about the fact that their behaviour here can be the difference in staying a live or not.



**1st Name:** Michael Nevin **School:** St Joseph's P.S.  
Carryduff, Belfast

**Message:** "My picture is about finding a safe place to cross"



**2nd Name:** Órlaith Farrell  
**School:** Clonalig P.S., Co Armagh  
**Message:** "Be safe, be seen"



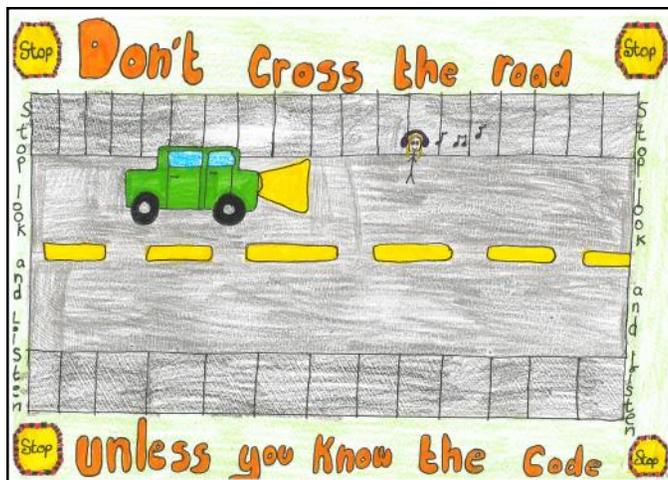
**3rd Name:** Abigail Murray  
**School:** Drumadonnell P.S., Co Down  
**Message:** "Please keep safe! Wear your seatbelt"





**1st Name:** Jack O'Shea **School:** St Nicholas' P.S.,  
Ardglass, Co Down

**Message:** "There are many different ways to travel safely to school"



**2nd Name:** Sophia Constantino  
**School:** St Oliver Plunkett's P.S.,  
Co Armagh  
**Message:** "Don't get distracted and  
careless when you are crossing"



**3rd Name:** Kate McCafferty  
**School:** Longtower P.S., Derry  
**Message:** "Don't text while you're  
crossing!"

# Seatbelt Safety

(Twinkle, Twinkle)

Voice



When you're trav-ell ing in a car put on your seat belt and be a star!

Vo. <sup>5</sup>



Al-ways re - mind your fam - il - y It could save your life you see! So

Vo. <sup>9</sup>



wear your seat - belt and be a star Ev' ry time you're in a car

**2. When you're riding on a bus  
Put on your seatbelt without a fuss  
Always remind your family  
It could save your life you see  
So wear your seatbelt without fuss  
Every time you're on the bus**



This song aims to remind children that they must always wear their seatbelt as it could be lifesaving. There is also a call to remind their family thus inciting road safety discussion at home.



**1st**

**Name:** Anna McKenna

**School:** Holy Rosary P.S., Belfast

**Message:**

"Make sure you have a light on your bike at night"



**3rd Name:** Elizabeth Gynne

**School:** St Joseph's P.S., Carryduff

**Message:** "Cross the road safely at a zebra crossing or where there is a lollipop person"



**3rd Name:** Alexandra Durand

**School:** Edenderry P.S., Portadown

**Message:** "Follow the rules — stop, look, listen!"

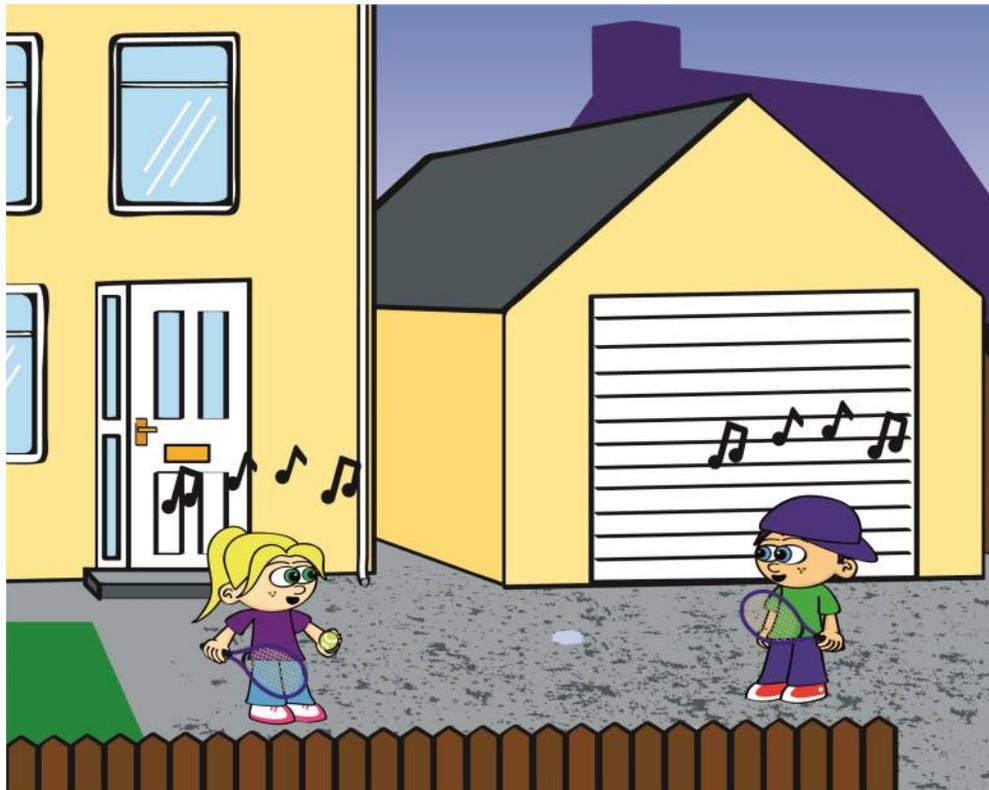
# Hooray for Safe Play

(Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes)

Voice   
Balls, sk-ate-boards and scoo-ters Go Karts, roll-er-blades and flick-ers

Vo.   
Nev - er play with them on the road It is dange-rous don't you know?

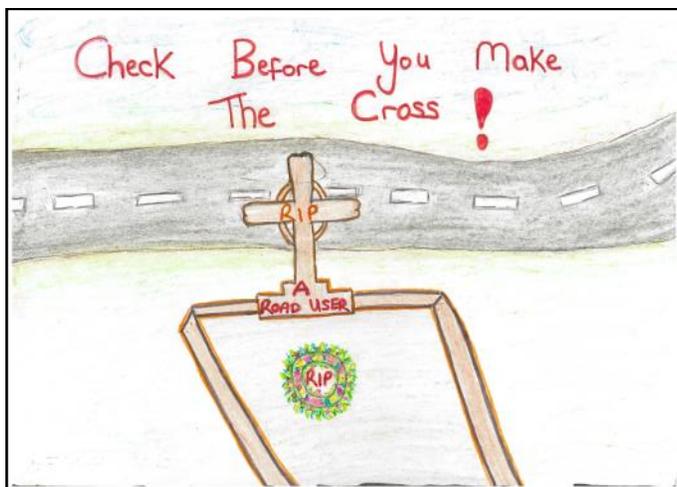
Vo.   
Play safe, a - way from traf - fic as it goes... as it goes!



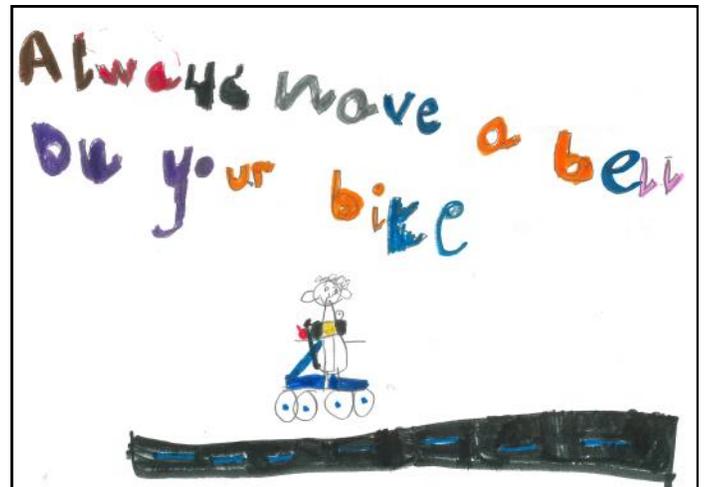
The aim of this song is to identify some of the toys or vehicles that children may be tempted to play with or ride on the road and to give the specific warning not to do so because of the associated danger.



**1st Name:** Nicola Murray P7 **School:** Drumadonnell P.S.  
**Message:** "Always put on your seatbelt!"



**2nd Name:** Rory O'Hare P7  
**School:** Killowen P.S., Co Down  
**Message:** "Make sure you are safely crossing the road"



**3rd Name:** Alfie Mills P2 **School:** St. Mary's Lisbuoy, Co Tyrone  
**Message:** "You must have a bell on your bicycle!"

# Journey To School

(This Old Man/I Love You, You Love Me)

Voice



I tell my friends, and fam - il - y We all must think of

Vo.



road saf - et - y, When I'm on the bus on my Jo - our - ney to School,

Vo.



I will fol - low Road Safe - ty Rules

**2. I tell my friends and family  
We must all think of road safety  
When I'm in the car on my Journey to School  
I will follow Road Safety rules**

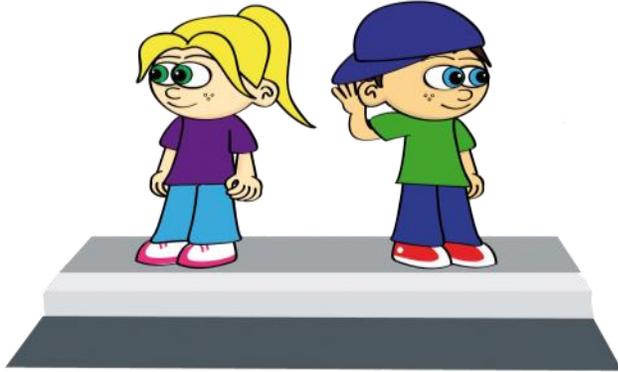
**3. I tell my friends and family  
We must all think of road safety  
When I'm on my bike on my Journey to School  
I will follow Road Safety rules**

**4. I tell my friends and family  
We must all think of road safety  
When I'm walking on my Journey to School  
I will follow Road Safety rules**



The aim of this song is for children to think about the various ways in which they travel to school and consider the rules associated with each of these modes of transport. There is a call for the children to also discuss road safety with friends and family.

**Some of the things Maria and Mark have learnt about travelling safely to school....**



**You should always remember to "STOP-LOOK-LISTEN"**



**You should always wear a helmet when you ride your bicycle**



**You must always stay seated when the school bus is moving and wear your seatbelt**



**You should always wear your seatbelt when travelling in the car**



**You should cross the road where there is a crossing or lollipop person**



**You should always play ball games away from roads**

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