



JAMES HARDISTY

REACH FOR THE SKIES: Stunt scooter rider Terry Price with Ireland Wood Primary School headteacher Ian Blackburn.

Pupils are getting a scoot on at school

EDUCATION

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PUPILS ACROSS Leeds are getting a scoot on as part of a city-wide challenge in a bid to be named a scooting champion.

Young people from six schools are taking on the Scoot to School challenge to win a new scooter storage space for their school.

The scheme has been spearheaded by Leeds City Council as part of a bid to encourage more children to travel in a healthy and sustainable way.

And youngsters enjoyed a special demonstration by scooter stunt display team MGP UK at the launch of the initiative at Ireland Wood Primary yesterday.



SCOOT: Jordon Foyle, 17, reaches for the skies.

The team is made up of some of the most influential and talented athletes in their chosen sport.

Councillor Richard Lewis, executive member for regeneration, transport and planning, said: "Scooting encourages ac-

tive travel from an early age and develops skills which will also help with cycling such as steering, stopping and balancing. As well as being fun, it encourages children to exercise.

"It also helps to reduce the number of cars on the school

run, therefore easing congestion at the school gate."

Schools taking part in the project include, Ireland Wood Primary, Bramhope Primary, Cookridge Holy Name Catholic Primary, Cookridge Holy Trinity C of E Primary, Iveson Primary and Rawdon Littlemoor Primary.

Twelve pupils from each school will be going head-to-head in order to win top spot in a series of challenging scooter races and activities.

The scooting challenge marks the start of this year's European Mobility Week and those taking part will meet at Ireland Wood Primary to participate in a warm up, scooter race and attend a scooter skills course.

EMAIL: Are you taking part? Share your views with the YEP.

CHARITY

Plea to pupils to do 'leg-a-thon' challenge for hospice

FUNDRAISERS AT Wheatfields Hospice have urged schools across the city to take part in a leg-a-thon challenge to help boost its coffers.

Starting the week of October 19, the challenge asks primary and secondary school in Leeds teams to keep moving –

through whatever means necessary – highlighting the work of the hospice's nurses who provide 24/7 care to patients and families.

Roohi Lupton, senior fundraiser, said: "This challenge is a first for the hospice, so we're really excited that our commu-

nity is supporting but we need more teams to take part.

"Schools can take in the challenge by organising woodland walks, conga round the sports hall or taking on a tough mudder style challenge."

The challenge is featured in a new Sue Ryder Schools fun-

draising pack now available to offer ways pupils can help raise money for the hospice.

The pack is available at www.sueryder.org/schools or contact Roohi for more information on the leg-a-thon challenge, at 0113 203 3360 or email roohi.lupton@sueryder.org

TRIBUTES

Tributes to gardener after long battle with prostate cancer

RADIO GARDENER Joe Maiden, whose sage advice has informed a generation of horticulturists in Leeds, has died following a long battle with prostate cancer, the BBC has announced.

On the air in West Yorkshire for more 40 years, Mr Maiden also wrote for magazines and books, filmed for TV and was active and influential in Yorkshire's horticulture community.

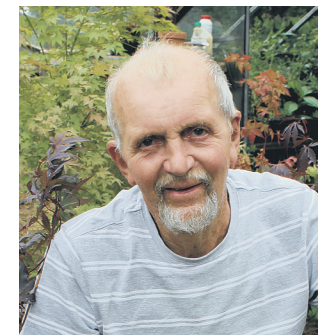
He was awarded the Harlow Carr medal by the Royal Horticultural Society for his growing, lecturing and exhibitions of vegetables

Mr Maiden, who was most often heard on his Sunday morning programme on BBC Radio Leeds, was born in Penrith and educated at Askham Bryan College in York.

He is survived by a wife, two children and three grandchildren.

Tributes flooded social networking website Twitter yesterday.

Tom Riordan, chief executive of Leeds City Council, said on Twitter: "Such sad news about much-loved Joe Maiden.



TRIBUTES: Radio gardener Joe Maiden has died.

"Sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues."

BBC weatherman Paul Hudson also paid tribute to the presenter and added: "So sad @BBCLeeds Joe Maiden passed away, a nice, genuine bloke, in all the years I've known him, never saw him without a smile on his face."

Councillor Judith Blake, leader of Leeds City Council, said: "So sorry to hear sad news about Joe Maiden.

"Such a well loved popular presenter.

"An inspiration to us all."



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