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Matt Lloyd - Partnership Development Manager

Partnership begins to make a difference

At 7.30am while standing on the playing fields in front of Hardenhuish School deciding if the Chippenham Athletics Festival should go ahead or not, Bob Buckley, Headteacher at St Paul's Primary School, Chippenham and I were talking about the School Sports Partnership.

He correctly pointed out that the meetings to begin the partnership held this time last year should perhaps have been held now, a year later, and I could not agree more.

This year so far has been very much about development and settling a concrete foundation for the future.

The newly issued Primary Focus PE and Sport magazine said of School Sports Partnerships:

"The trend is definitely up, and there is a determined strategy for success. Behind the headlines there is a strong programme of work. Six objectives have been set:"

- Strategic planning
- Primary school liaison
- Out of school hours activities
- School to community
- Coaching and Leadership
- Raising standards

As a young, emerging School Sports Partnership, I believe we are definitely moving in the right direction and have been strategically planned for the next three years with the Partnership development plan, Family plans and Big Lottery application. The School Sport co-ordinators are liaising more and more with their primary schools and trying to help schools achieve OFSTED, Every Child Matters and health agendas.

The PLT modules have begun to raise standards of PE in school by allowing the PE subject leaders in primary schools to objectively look at PE provision and the concept of high quality.

More and more opportunities have presented themselves for our secondary school sports leaders and volunteers.

"The partnership structure has ended isolation of the primary/special school. Historically each school dealt with problems of PE and sport issues individually. Although still in its early stages the partnership initiative is definitely having a positive influence on young people"

Our partnership is in its infancy and with the Huff & Puff programme, Wake & Shake, Gifted & Talented hockey for secondary schools and Living for Sport, there is some very strong positive steps towards making a real difference for young people in Mid-Wiltshire.

All quotes from Primary Focus Summer 2006.

Who's Who In the Mid-Wilts School Sports Partnership

Miss Sue Marshall - Director of Sport Devizes School

Matt Lloyd - Partnership Development Manager

Sue Forman - SSCo at Lavington School

Helen Darrall - SSCo at Hardenhuish School

Lorraine Franklin - SSCo at Sheldon School

Ali Beck - SSCo at Abbeyfield School

What is a School Sports Partnership?

School Sport Partnerships are groups of schools working together to develop PE and sport opportunities for all young people in England.

The scheme does not currently extend to Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

A partnership is made up of a geographically organised cluster of schools containing:

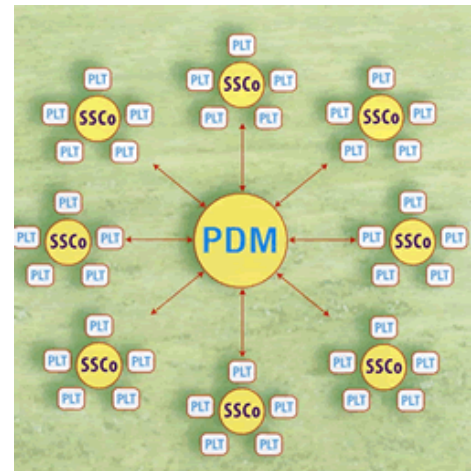
- ◆ 1 Specialist Sports College
- ◆ 8 Secondary schools
- ◆ 45 primary or special schools (approximately)

Our partnership from September will contain;

- ◆ 1 Specialist Sports College (hub site)

- ◆ 7 Secondary schools/Springfields Sports College
- ◆ 56 Primary/Special schools and YPSS

A specialist Sports College is a maintained secondary school that receives additional funds through a combination of sponsorship and Government grant. The specialist status is held for four years, after which the school will have to reapply. The SSC is committed to focusing on PE and sport and implementing a four-year development plan to raise standards in both the school and the partnership for which it becomes the hub. There are currently 411 SSPs. This will grow to 450 SSPs by September 2006, when virtually all schools in England will be included in the partnership structure.



Partnership Sets Concrete Foundations

December 16th 2005 was D Day for the Mid-Wilts School Sports Partnership as this was the deadline for submission to the DfES the Partnership Development Plan.

The exhaustive auditing supported by the Primary Link Teachers in October led to a series of planning meetings. SSSCo's from all of the Partnership schools and the PDM gathered and collated all of the vast amounts of information from 25 primary and special schools and 5 secondary schools. This information led to the completion of the Partnership Development Plan outlining "where we are now, where we would like to get to and what it will look like when we get there" A vision statement based on fact. This plan was then submitted to the DfES therefore securing the life of the partnership for the first three years. A copy of the PDP can be found with your Headteacher or by contacting Matt Lloyd (details on back page).

Each SSSCo has used this base-line vision to write their own "family plans". These outline "How they are going to get there" and when, by formulating the action plan the schools in the family. This working document reflects the needs of the schools in the family the schools produce more of their own action plans, they can feed these into the family plan for the SSSCo to prioritise and support.

Now four terms in to our first year, the formal planning stage has passed and we have a clear direction of how best to make a difference to the young people in our schools.



"A Partnership Development Plan that fully reflects the needs of the Mid-Wiltshire Schools" Youth Sport Trust

The story so far.....

As this is the first Mid-Wilts Newsletter of the year, I thought it might be a good idea to give you all a run down , month by month, of the achievements of the Partnership;

2005 -

- Sept** - Partnership starts. PLT module A - Primary Link Teachers attend their partnership induction.
- Oct** - Audits of all schools in partnership are completed by PLT's, SSCo's and PDM, outlining the current provision of PE and school sport.
- Nov** - Planning to produce the Development plan
Football Association OSHL project begins by providing free coaching and equipment for primary schools.
- Dec** - Partnership development plan submitted to DfES and Youth Sport Trust.
Multi skills clubs application also submitted to secure funding and equipment for 2 multi skills clubs in the partnership.

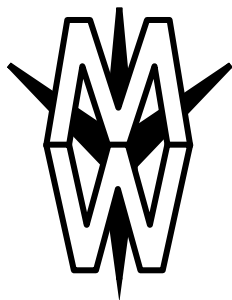
2006 -

- Jan** - PLT Module B - attended by all PLT's to look at subject leader standards and what high quality PE actually looks like in our schools.
Secondary school SSCo, SENCO's and TA attend "Living for Sport" briefing - an initiative to help re-engage disaffected young people back into school life using the vehicle of sport.
Secondary partner athletics clubs start giving 8-10 weeks of free coaching for years 7 and 8.
- Feb** - Living for sport programme starts in secondary schools.
Multi skills application accepted and SSCo attend multi skills training.
Secondary Gifted and Talented Hockey programme and action plan decided, providing G & T training for out talented hockey players.
Partnership Expansion Application submitted to DfES.
- Mar** - Big Lottery fund application submitted allowing OSHL funding for primary and secondary schools starting Sept 2006.
Huff and Puff training in Devizes for 10 primary schools in Partnership with the strong children project.
Wake and Shake programme started in Chippenham.
Primary "Sports Hall Athletics" started across the partnership providing 3 free athletics coaching sessions to 15 primary schools.
Football school club link programme begins with a partnership of Hardenhuish family and Derry Hill football club/Chippenham Town Youth Football Club.
TAG Rugby tournament at Devizes RFC led by Devizes school 6th form students in partnership with Kennet District Council.
Step into Sport conference, Mid-Wilts sends it first sporting volunteers
- Apr** - Primary PLT Monitoring and Evaluation workshop in preparation for the yearly PE, school sport and club links summary. (PESSCL Survey) in May.
- May** - Chippenham Athletics Festival; new addition to the North Wilts festivals programme.
PESSCL Survey sent to all schools.

A lot to be proud of!!!!

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This is the first issue of the M-W Newsletter, and so is a bit thin on stories and interesting info, we would welcome any sporting stories, news, forthcoming events or photo's that you would like to share with your fellow Sports Partnership colleagues. Please send them to either Matt Lloyd by email mlloyd@devizes.wilts.sch.uk or Bex, email rfrancis@devizes.wilts.sch.uk

We aim to make this newsletter a real team effort, so the more info you send the better it will be!

Dates for your diary

Phase 2 schools - PLT Module A
Induction - 14th September 2006

Phase 1 schools - PLT Module D 28th
September 2006

PLT Module B (subject leader) - 25th
January 2007

PLT Module E (lessons) - 2nd
February 2007

PLT Module C & E to be calendared for
Summer Term (July)

Huff & Puff teacher/MDSA training -
Friday 15th September 2006;

Morning - Lavington

Afternoon - Chippenham