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With the Partnership now full size, I would like to introduce you to the team. An exciting year lay ahead with Huff & Puff, Tri Golf, Mini Tennis and many other activities on the cards. This fine team will be supporting all 56 primary and special schools to enhance and develop Sport & PE for all our young people.

Meet Our SSCO's.....



Rachel Greig - John Bentley



Sue Foreman - Lavington



Sharron Bates - Corsham



Nick Norgrove - Springfields



Matt Howlett - Abbeyfield



Selina Porter - Sheldon



Helen Darrall - Hardenhuish



Ali Beck - Devizes

OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISITS LAVINGTON SCHOOL - By Sue Foreman

Adam Goodman and I received training on the 'Living for Sport Initiative' last March. This is a community investment programme sponsored by BSkYB in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust which aims to challenge students to reflect on their behaviour and values and to take responsibility for themselves and others through their involvements in PE and sport. A group of year 9 boys received Golden Invitations to join the programme and two members of staff ran a 6 week programme of kayaking, culminating in an expedition on the Kennet and Avon Canal. The school received funding for £400 to run the initiative and on July 6th Guin Batten, Olympic Rower and Silver medallist in the Sydney Olympics visited the school to support the programme. She took a year 7, 8 and 9 assembly where she talked about the Olympic Ideal and then met with boys who had taken part in the Living for Sport Initiative. After break she met with a group of talented Athletes who had represented the school in Competitions throughout the year and talked about her successes and challenges both as a pupil and athlete.

A reporter from the Gazette and Herald visited the school on the day to take photographs and the following week Lavington School was featured in a half page spread highlighting the day.



Guin Batten visits Lavington School



Guin works with G & T students

MULTI SKILLS CLUBS - By Sue Foreman

Part of my training in term 3 was on the delivery of Multi Skills and in term 5 I visited all my Primary schools to deliver taster sessions to year 3 and 4 pupils. A Multi Skills club has now been set up at Lavington school on Monday evenings and we have approximately 20-30 pupils from the cluster schools attending the club on a regular basis. Multi skills is a fun introduction to community sport for those young people who lack confidence to join a team. Feedback suggests the clubs are helping improve agility, balance and co-ordination. The A'B'C's needed for all sports and activities.

LAVINGTON ATHLETICS FESTIVAL - by Sue Foreman

The summer term saw Lavington school host a cluster Athletics Festival for the Primary Schools. Schools brought 4 teams consisting of 6 pupils each to compete over 8 events. Students from year 9 at Lavington School acted as young leaders to help run the events.

Amanda Cox the Kennet Sports Development officer provided us with certificates for all the participating pupils and a great time was had by all.



On your marks, get set, GOOOOOOOOO!!



Lavington School Sports Leaders working hard

ABBEYFIELD ROUNDERS FESTIVAL - By Ali Beck

It was a glorious sunny afternoon when Abbeyfield School played host to its first primary school Rounders festival. It was also the first time that the Family of schools had met competitively. The PLT's had worked very closely, collaborating on various projects all year, and this was a wonderful occasion to bring their Year 5's and 6's together. I was astonished at the very high standard of Rounders that was displayed that afternoon, and it was obvious that the PLT's had worked hard at identifying and coaching their Rounders teams. The round robin competition ensured that each of the 4 schools had a chance to meet each other and get to know some of the children from their local community. Although it was highly competitive there was also a very friendly atmosphere.

Each match was closely fought and it was only Kingslodge School who did not accrue a win, however they scored a total of 6 points, finishing in fourth place. Derry Hill School had one win against Kingslodge School, and ended the tournament in third place with a total of 8 points.

Charter School had two wins and one loss and as such finished in second place, just ahead of Derry Hill School with a total of 9 points. However, it was St Mary's School who were clearly the outstanding team of the tournament with three straight wins and got full marks with a total of 12 points.

It was a wonderful afternoon and thank you to all the PLT's for all their hard work .

MID-WILTS HOCKEY ACADEMY - by Helen Darrall

On 11th September, the Mid-Wilts Gifted and Talented Hockey Academy kicked off with a squad comprising of Year 8 girls from local Chippenham secondary schools. The academy aims to give talented hockey players the chance to learn more advanced skills and tactics and encouraged them to become involved in the Chippenham Junior Hockey club. The initiative was set up as part of a school club link between Chippenham hockey club and local secondary schools and is part funded by WASSP and the Mid-Wilts School Sports Partnership. The coach, Dave Miflin, chairman of Chippenham Hockey club, has coached Chippenham Junior hockey club for many years.

He has been most impressed with the standard of the young players and can clearly see the potential they have to offer. Dave is supported by several young hockey leaders, including Sarah Hamilton of Hardenhuish School who gained their Hockey Leadership qualification at the end of last year which was also organised through the school/club link.

The young leaders are aiming to get involved into the 'Step into Sport' initiative which aims to reward young Leaders who volunteer in youth sport. In the future, the academy hopes to expand to include Year 7 boys who will be 'talent spotted' during the Primary Schools District Hockey festival and consequently given the opportunity to gain specialist coaching and the opportunity to get involved in the sport from a much earlier age.

Reminder to all PLT's - by Matt Lloyd

You have 10 PLT days to use this year - please use them all. New DfES regulations say the Partnership will lose what we don't use. So "Use them or lose them" is the message.

Well done on such a positive start to the year.



AWESOME!!!!



Chippenham Athletics Festival

2006



The Gazette- sponsored Chippenham Athletics festival was described as "awesome" after attracting nearly 500 School children on Wednesday 13th September 2006. Alex Muse, Sports Development Officer for North Wilts Council said "it was awesome, fantastic. It looked like a proper athletics events and all the children looked proud of themselves with their numbers and t-shirts. It made it a great event to look at, a real spectacle" Hosted by Hardenhuish and Sheldon Schools, every Yr6 child from 11 schools in the Chippenham area was invited, which took place on the vast playing fields of Hardenhuish Lane. Bob Buckley, Headteacher at St Paul's Primary School, organised most of the events and was delighted with the overall success. He said "The main goal of the day was to help every child to take part and gain a positive experience from sport"

The festival organisers are now looking for a sponsor for 2007 to guarantee the continued success of the festival. For more information, contact Alex Muse on 01249 706452.

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We love receiving your stories and 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

PLT Training Dates:

PLT Module B (subject leader) - 25th January 2007
PLT Module E (lessons) - 2nd February 2007
PLT Module C (curriculum mapping) 7th June 2007
PLT Module E (Assessment) 29th June 2007

CPD Courses

Hockey Teacher Training -

Date; 16th January 2007
Venue: Wootton Bassett School
Apply through Alex Muse.

TAG Rugby Teacher Training-

Date: 29th January 2007
Venue: Hardenhuish School
Apply through Alex Muse.

TAG Rugby Teacher Training-

Date: 5th February 2007
Venue - Devizes School
Apply through Matt Lloyd at Devizes School

Activities on the go.....

Remember if you need any help with developing these activities - give your SSCo a call.

Huff & Puff - Lunchtime Activity Project

Wake up & Shake up

Multi skills clubs - Yrs 3 & 4

Festivals:

Devizes/Lavington Yr3-4 Football Festival

Date: 18th October 2006 at 1.30pm
Venue: Devizes School

Devizes/Lavington Yr5-6 High 5 Netball Festival

Date: 23rd November 2006 at 3.30pm
Venue: Devizes School.

Kennet High 5 Netball Festival District Finals

Date: 28th November 2006
Venue: St John's School.

Yr7 Rugby Tournament

Date: 25th November 2006
Venue: Devizes School



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