

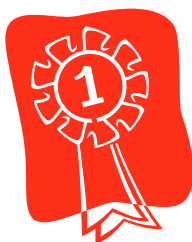
## Mid-Wilts Schools Sports Partnership

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Well done to St Barnabas Primary School, Market Lavington for winning the Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics Event at Lavington School last month!



# M-W Newsletter

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## *PE Training on the up and.....down?*

As part of the PESSCL strategy we in the Sports Partnership are tasked with encouraging and sign posting relevant and high quality professional development for teachers, AOTTs and others. Basically, we would like to see any adult delivering PE or school sport to have the confidence and relevant training so that the young people experience high quality delivery.

The National CPD programme has enabled this to happen with TOPS and other courses being offered at a minimal rate, and with high level delivery. Wiltshire LDA has recently been praised by the DfES for its programme that has been offered to schools over the last 18 months. Sue Burgess from the DfES said "Primary CPD provision is well organized and designed to respond to staff needs. There is a strong focus on the impact of learning on pupils". A copy of this report is available from me on request.

Figures for 2006 showed that 123 teachers, AOTTs and others attended a range of courses with many in the early months of 2007 being well attended.

In addition to the National CPD programme, there have been other more specific courses on offer throughout Kennet and North Wilts Sports Development -TAG Rugby, Hockey Fundamentals, Chance to Shine Cricket and many more; the picture being is that teachers and AOTTs in our primary schools are receiving more and more high quality training and can therefore can deliver high quality PE and school sport. So let me take this opportunity to say "well done" but don't stop now!

There is however a downside. Funding from the DfES for the National CPD programme is due to be cut next year, thus causing a problem. It will be impossible to run the same number of courses with the high level of tutor delivery. We may find in the next few months that a day course cost will rise from a meager £30. I think we all can see the benefits in our CPD programme and I am sure the upward trend of children experiencing high quality PE and school sport will not drop.

So what's to be expected from CPD?

- ◆ Course fees may increase
- ◆ A possible drop in number of courses

However, please be assured that your release time funding will not be affected.

I do hope we can rely on your continued support in this matter and look forward to seeing you all at the next PLT Module or course.

*Matt Lloyd*

*Partnership Development Manager.*

## PE Explodes



## .....at Kington St Michael

I smile as I stand at the back of Kate Hughes year 3/4 class as she calls out "3 pebbles in the jar if we can beat the time we can get changed for PE".

The class frantically change their clothes and excitedly help the 2 who have forgotten their kit to ensure that 100% of their friends take part in the Chance to Shine Cricket session. This excitement resonates throughout the school.

A year ago Kington St Michael, a typical small rural school of 107 pupils, did not have a PE Co-ordinator. Kate Hughes a then NQT was keen to embrace a new initiative within her school. September 2006 saw a new Headteacher and Kate being given the PLT role and since then she has taken PE and school sport by the scruff of its neck and given it a good shake.

She has embraced the SSP network working closely with Selina Porter, her SSCo, to thoughtfully use her PLT release time to greatest effect. She has engaged with children in the school to discuss the quality and quantity of PE and sport and has implemented new, exciting programmes that impact on the whole school.

Since September she has introduced and organised Huff & Puff, helped to provide Yoga training for year 1-4 teachers and organised a sponsored skip raising £1295 for the British Heart Foundation, making skipping a popular break time activity. Regular fixtures are happening with local schools and more OSHL clubs have started.

She also helped a Cleaner at the school to become trained to deliver High 5 Netball and she now runs a weekly club. Not to mention Wake Up & Shake Up and Chance to Shine Cricket, all this in just 9 months!

When I asked Acting Head David Wade what he thinks the successes have been, he said; "The revised awareness of PE and its value across the whole school and the greater opportunities for the pupils after school and lunchtimes"



It is clear that the Head fully supports Kate and the plans for PE.

When asked about the challenges, they mentioned the variety of children with SEN. However a statemented pupil's behaviour has improved due to his motivation to attend the new Friday Football Club.

At this point my concentration broke as I watched a deaf Russian boy hit a ball for six and admired how he communicated with his team mate to "run" I was told that he is now attending cricket club after school on Wednesday's.

What impressed me the most was the fact that Kate sees these changes as only the first step. Her plans are for more OSHL activities, play leader training for year 6, as well as more training for staff and developing links with other schools and local clubs. David, the Headteacher, is very supportive and can really see the benefit to the young people in his care. He can also really see how an active school creates active minds.

I am really looking forward to hearing more from Kington St Michael as I believe Kate and David are setting a real example of how a small school can utilise the support of the Sports Partnership to the utmost benefit.

Well done to all at Kington St Michael and thank you for a lovely afternoon.



Kate Hughes - PLT

By Matt Lloyd - PDM

## Young dancers in the spotlight

Youngsters from across Calne launched the town's first school dance festival at John Bentley School recently as part of the Mid-Wilts School Sports Partnership. Children from five primary schools performed to more than 300 parents at an open evening. Before the Easter holidays each school practised a dance and perfected their performance in front of neighbouring primary schools. In keeping with their on-going Parkour project, Priestly Primary School demonstrated their base jumping skills at the front of the packed hall. The year five and six pupils have been practising the sport since December last year.



A big well done to Rachael Greig (SSCo) for all of her hard work organising the event. It really made an impact on Calne.

## Lifestyle Girls

As part of the Sports Partnership, Mr Lloyd (our Partnership Development Manager) secured some funding from the Big Lottery for various projects within Devizes School and our partner schools. One of these projects was focused on key stage 4 girls who would not normally participate in extra curricular clubs. This project has also been taking part in 4 other partner Secondary Schools; Sheldon, Hardenhuish, Lavington and Abbeyfield School.

A group of 20 girls were identified by the PE staff and having met these girls they decided what activities they would like to take part in. Over the past 10 weeks, with help from Clare Draper (Sports Development Officer from Kennet District Council) they have experienced Pilates, self defence, beauty therapy, badminton, dance and rock climbing. As a finale to the project they will be part of a Girls Lifestyle Conference, with the other secondary schools, at the University of Bath on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, where they will be involved in team building activities, self esteem and nutrition workshops as well as taking part in yoga and a fitness session in their fitness suite.

The girls have thoroughly enjoyed the programme and it has been highly successful with some girls going on to participate in other physical activities. Three of the girls have entered the Race for Life and have been training very hard. Other girls have joined extra curricular clubs at school. All have gone on to perform better and enjoy their PE lessons more. Tanya Begbie and Katy Dalley sum it up by saying "I really like this programme; it has helped me get into a better frame of mind to get fit. I have started to go to the gym once a week". Mrs Smith one of our Classroom Managers who is also training hard for the Race for Life has gone on to say "both students have been working very hard in the school gym to up the anti for their fitness. They have been a joy to train with. I am sure their confidence has risen because of this".

Thank you to all the girls who have taken part, they really have worked extremely hard, plus thank you to Mr Lloyd, Clare Draper at Kennet District Council and all of our coaches who have given up their time to support such a worthwhile project. To any girl who wants to participate in next years programme – just watch this space!

Miss Ali Beck - SSCo Devizes School



## Multi Skills Course - "Ronnie Rules"

On a rainy 11th May at Springfield's School a group of primary teachers, nursery teachers, coaches and SSCos all gathered to attend a Multi Skills Induction Course led by Ronnie Heath from Sports Coach UK.

The course was excellent with 100% of the delegates saying that it had made a difference to them, given them confidence and would definitely recommend it to others. A quote from the feedback forms said;

"As one of the people who was put off sport before secondary school, I found this very inspiring. I love teaching PE to KS1 and this course has given me lots of ideas and understanding of development".

The real winner however was Ronnie. All agreed that he is a fantastic tutor with charisma, humour and a wealth of knowledge.

I am planning two of these courses next year, specifically for primary school staff, so watch this space and ensure you grab a place when offered.

Thank you to Nick and Springfield School for hosting this event and a really yummy lunch!!☺



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



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## Dates for your diary

### PLT Training Dates:

PLT Module F (Assessment)  
Friday 29th June 2007 - Corn Exchange  
Devizes.  
PLT Module D (Schemes of work)  
Thursday 27th September - North Wilts  
Golf Club.  
PLT Module E (Lesson Planning)  
Friday 25th January 2008 - venue TBA

### Festivals:

Devizes & Lavington Mini Tennis  
Festival;  
Tuesday 10th July - Devizes  
Tennis Club

**NEW 2007/2008  
CALENDAR COMING  
SOON**



Rachael Greig - SSCo at John Bentley School at her 1st Dance Festival

Matt Lloyd -  
Partnership Development Manager



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*PDM.....*  
Practising  
Daring  
Manoeuvres



Keeping fit at Kington St Michael.

