



CPD

FA Working with Teams

Tuesday 4th November, 10-3pm,
Holyrood School, Chard

PLT Module C

Monday 10th November, 9.30-3.30pm
TOR Rugby Club, Glastonbury

TOP OAA

Monday 1st December, 2-5pm
Kilmersdon School, nr Radstock

ASA Swimming Module 1 (units 1 & 2)

Wednesday 3rd December
Venue TBC

ASA Swimming Module 2 (units 3 & 4)

Monday 8th December
Venue TBC

ASA Swimming Module 2 (unit 5)

Thursday 11th December
Venue TBC

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www.sesomersetssco.co.uk*

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the South East Somerset School Sport Partnership newsletter. The work of colleagues across the Partnership has made a huge impact on young people in schools over the last few years. There are so many examples of good practice, ideas and opportunities happening in PE and Sport in our area we wanted to find a way to share these on a regular basis. The newsletter will come out on a half termly basis just before the break and it would be great if you could find a way to share this with colleagues, pupils and parents alike; there is also our website which contains even more information and support. If there is anything in particular you would like to see as part of this regular update then please contact Lucy Gardner at lgardner@educ.somerset.gov or call the Partnership Office 01963 34396. We hope you find it useful.

Rob Treacher (Partnership Development Manager)

Dates for your diary

SSCo meeting

Friday 7th November, Wincanton Sports Ground

Head Teachers Meeting

Monday 17th November, The Hollies Hotel, Bower Hinton

PLT Meeting

Friday 21st November, The Hollies Hotel, Bower Hinton & Frome Rugby Club

Somerset SSCO Conference

11th & 12th December

Coach Promotion

Martin Evans

Licensed Boxing coach with his own kit and has been coaching for 3 years.
Level 1 squash coach

If you are interest in working with Martin please contact him on:
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Top Up Swimming Success

Top up swimming is an intervention designed to enable every child to swim 25m by the age of 11. The initiative entered its second year within the Sports Partnership and this year expanded to include projects run at 7 pools across the area. This year 238 pupils attended extra sessions every day for 2 weeks. Despite many of the pupils selected being weak or complete beginners the success rate of pupils achieving their end of KS2 standard at the end of this block was 83%. The partnership wishes to express its gratitude to all those teachers involved in the delivery and support of the Top Up Sessions.

New Competition Manager

The Partnership would like to welcome Graham Norris who was recently appointed as Somerset Senior Competition Manager to follow in Stefan McHale's footsteps. Stefan has taken up the position of Deputy Head at Fairlands Middle School and we all wish him well in his new endeavors.

'My role is to work with James Hudson – the other competition manager in the county – to support the delivery of high quality competition across the whole of Somerset. This will involve working closely with all staff within the three School Sport Partnerships, County Staff at SASP, Heads of PE and Directors of Sport, Local Authority Officers, National Governing Bodies and others who are involved in Sport Development. The main focus will be to ensure that the competitions meet both the needs of the National Governing Bodies, as set out in their National Competition Frameworks (visit www.youthsporttrust.org/page/frameworks/index.html) and the various local needs throughout the county of Somerset.

These are exciting times in the build up to 2012 and I believe that success in School Sport will be measured in terms of the quality and quantity of sport played after the London Olympics; we have create a sustainable legacy! I know that a huge amount of work has already gone into developing sport across the county, particularly in the South East Somerset School Sport Partnership, and anticipate playing an important role in sustaining the growth of competition opportunities'.



Curriculum Support

This term has seen the start of football and dance curriculum support in first schools in Frome. Dean Smith the Community Skills coach for the Football Foundation and Michelle Rochester our dance specialist are working with schools over 6 sessions to increase staff confidence in delivering these activities. Michelle is combining this work in lessons with a TOPs Dance course she is running. The FA funds Dean Smith; in order to work with Michelle, schools are using their PLT supply money.

Hockey School to Club Link

Holyrood Community School is currently playing host to a series of coaching sessions in hockey for its feeder primary schools, through the SSCO programme. 43 registered pupils from 8 primary schools have been enjoying the U9 coaching sessions this half term. Delivered on a Monday evening by Chard Hockey Club. The pupils are gaining skills and developing their game play in preparation for a festival. The U9's played on 29 September, 6 teams of 8 competing for an hour.



School Sport coordinator, Jason Hedaux, would like to thank Chard Hockey Club for supporting the programme and for helping to bring together a number of partners in order to benefit our younger members of the community.

Club Focus

Yeovil Jets Basketball - Relunched!

Club basketball got off the ground again at the end of September with the relaunch of the new season for Yeovil Jets. Based at Yeovil College on Wednesday evenings, there is coaching and games every week. Working closely with the Partnership and South Somerset District Council the club is keen to recruit new members.



Under 13 starts at 5 pm with U15 and 17 at 6pm. They are hoping to enter league competitions too but if pupils just want to come and play that's great – all abilities welcome! If you would like more information call the Partnership office or ring Jenny Phipps on 01935 462543 or visit www.Yeoviljets.btik.com

Fun Festivals

This year sees the introduction of fun festivals to the Partnership. SSCO's identified the need for inter school competition for pupils who normally would not get the opportunity to represent their school in a fixture or tournament. The first fun festival was held at King Arthurs this term and saw over 100 year 7 pupils from Sexeys, Ansford and King Arthurs taking part. The afternoon involved table tennis, tennis-rounders, handball and ultimate Frisbee. Pupils from the three schools were mixed into teams and took part in one of the four activities, which were led by year 10 students from King Arthurs who have started their Level 1 Sports Leadership course. The aim of the festival was enjoyment so there was no winning team but instead prizes for good attitude and team work.



Cluster Festivals

On a glorious sunny morning in October over 100 pupils, aged 5-7 participated in a multi-skills festival hosted at Swanmead Community School. The pupils spent time practicing and developing a range of skills that were non-sport specific. The pupils were fantastic embracing the ethos of the festival, giving their maximum effort and attention. 16 Young Leaders from



Swanmead led the activities and were a true credit to their school. First School staff were very complementary of the leaders. Feedback from the leaders was that it was great fun but challenging at times. They can't wait to be involved again.



Central Venue Leagues

This season has taken on a new look in South East Somerset with a new format of competition taking place. Central Venue fixtures are being run to overcome problems with transport, fewer evenings for matches as well as provide an opportunity for some schools to get more young people participating.

All year groups are involved in their own Central Venue Competitions this year in Football, Basketball and Rugby, with 'tiered finals' taking place at the end of each 'season'. This means that all teams will get to enter a final round of games playing opposition they will not have faced before.

PDM Rob Treacher said that this is a new concept for the area and we are hopeful that it will prove successful in increasing opportunities for participation not just in major sports but also other less common activities as schools take the chance to bring other teams along with them.