



PLT Funding

Schools can now choose one from two options with regards to their PLT funding for academic year 2009-2010.

Option 1: 9 days claimed from Partnership, 2 days held by Partnership to be accessed by PLT for curriculum support.

Option 2: 11 days claimed by school. No curriculum support to be accessed by PLT.

Forms to be signed by PLT and finance manager and returned to Sue James. Forms can be downloaded from the website homepage.

Welcome

The first term of the New Year seems to have flown by with much training and new delivery taking place. At the recent Schools and Sports Partnership Conference in Telford we were asked to ensure that we publicise our work as much as possible. To this end, I would encourage you to send as much through to the local press as possible and share all the good work you do with parents, Governors and staff alike. We are also currently in talks with Somerset NHS and Healthy Schools about how we can work closer together including various projects which the Partnership can access to support your work. If you would like more information then please get in touch although we may be in contact first where schools are being targeted. Have a very good half term break and run into Christmas!!!

Swimming CPD Success

Thanks to the fantastic support from Sexey's School in Bruton the Partnership has been able to set up and run three ASA module 1 swimming courses this half term. Over 50 teachers have successfully completed the course. Next half term the follow on module 2 course will also run. On completion of this module teachers will hold the Certificate for Teaching School Swimming. This course is full however a reserve and waiting list is being held at the partnership office and as soon as there are sufficient numbers a further course will be set up. Watch the website for updated news and if you would like to register your name for a future course contact Sue James at the partnership office.



SSCO Focus

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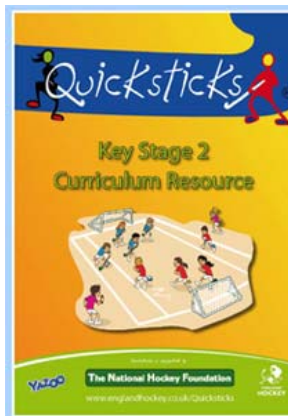
Tracey is the Partnership's lead on inclusion sport. Working with SASP Inclusion Officer Jen Slade and sporting governing bodies, Tracey is working to develop and expand the participation of young people with disabilities within the Partnership. Tracey is available for help and advice. Please email her at TWhite@educ.somerset.gov.uk Dates of upcoming inclusion events can be found on page 2.

Developing Skills through curriculum support

Following the feedback from schools last term relating to developing teachers skills and confidence a programme of deploying Curriculum Support Coaches has started this half term. As an alternative to attending one off/ stand alone courses this approach provides the opportunity for staff to work with a support coach within school in a very practical environment. The team of Curriculum Support Coaches can offer a range of programmes to support the needs identified within the delivery of PE. For details of the programme contact Karen Arnold at the Partnership office.

New Resource – Quicksticks Hockey

Quicksticks is a brand new game for 7-11 year-olds which has been specifically designed to introduce the sport to teachers and students who have little or no prior knowledge of hockey. Supported by 49 illustrated challenge Cards which introduce the game gradually and a full curriculum resource which includes six weeks worth of lesson plans for the whole Key Stage 2 curriculum. Quicksticks can be played or taught by anyone! The general philosophy is to have fun whilst learning and developing skills. Existing hockey sticks and balls can be used, but a special range of equipment has been developed specifically for the game and will aid the delivery of Quicksticks. A Quicksticks kit bag includes: 30 Hockey sticks (size range 30", 32" & 34"), 30 Quicksticks balls, and 12 Quicksticks Bibs. The Quicksticks ball has been specifically designed for use on various surfaces traditionally found in Primary School playgrounds. Kit Bags are now available to be purchased from Davies Sports. Resource packs and cards can be purchased from www.englishhockey.co.uk.



Quantock Orienteers

Quantock Orienteers have yet again been working hard to encourage pupils from our area to take part in orienteering. Their first event was at Montecute House on Friday 25th September with an additional event at Aldon Hill on the following Friday just outside Yeovil to enable pupils to compete using their newly found orienteering skills. Birchfield, St Gildas and Holy Trinity sent a number of pupils to the Montecute event where they learnt the basic skills of orienteering. A number of other pupils came independently with their families and enjoyed competing against the other schools. The Aldon Hill event saw a return of the Birchfield group to compete against pupils from Milford, St Gildas and other pupils from across the region. Lauren, Jack and Ben from Chilthorne Domer won the Montecute competition course with Brandon and Tom from Milford winning 2 of the 5 courses at Aldon Hill.



On Friday 9th October they held their second event for around sixty Year eight pupils from Maiden Beech School at Ham Hill. Families from other schools joined in the event navigating their way around the tracks, hills and valleys of the site. The

event was enjoyed by all despite the weather being particularly wet at times. Orienteering has proved to be a popular activity in P.E lessons at Maiden Beech School and this enabled the children to extend their skills seeking markers that were not obvious from a distance. Many thanks go to Brian Fletcher and the Quantock Orienteers for all their hard work at both events.

Inclusion Sport

Competition dates for inclusion sport. Mainstream and special schools are welcome to attend.

Wheelchair Basketball

Friday 27th November, 10.00 till 2.00pm, Taunton Vale Sports.

Disability (ambulant) Football

Friday 19th March, 10.00 till 2.00pm, Taunton Vale Sports

Athletics

Wednesday 12th May, 10.00 till 3.00pm Yeovil Athletics Arena
2nd to 4th July, Blackpool

Millfield Games

Friday 16th July



Students get into boxing

Students at Wadham have just taken up the sport of boxing in school. Wadham history teacher Peter Hopwood a keen boxing enthusiast, who is a qualified boxing coach



approached SSSCo Peter Morton about how he could set up boxing within school. After contact with the Amateur Boxing Association and South Somerset District Council, SSSCo Peter Morton obtained the information to help set up the sport and funding from SSSDC to help in the purchase of equipment. The club has really taken off with the students at Wadham, with sessions for main school and the 6th form being run.

It has been used in curriculum time to develop skills in coordination and movement as well as after school. It is hoped a community club will be set up at Crewkerne Sports Centre to continue and involve adults. The aim of the club is to introduce students to the sport of boxing, develop technique, coordination, raise self esteem and develop fitness in a controlled environment. The club is grateful to SSSDC for the start up funding which helped purchase, gloves and punch bags.



Young Leaders Training

28 Year 5 and 6 primary school pupils attended a Young Leaders Course at Wincanton Sports Ground on September 18th. The aim was to develop leaders who could organise activities in school playgrounds during break times, therefore keeping pupils engaged and active. The course equipped them with skills and ideas of the role of a leader, planning and organising activities, and developing communication skills. All who attended passed the course with flying colours and we look forward to seeing them Leading in their various playgrounds.



Cycling at Holyrood

Holyrood School's new cycling initiative has wheeled into action this term. The schools, together with a number of community partners: including British Cycling, Chard 1st Wheelers Cycling Club, Wheels in Motion Cycle Shop and the School Sport Partnership have all joined forces to offer a new and exciting opportunity for Holyrood students.

An activity survey at the end of last term highlighted the desire for cycling amongst our students; we now have over 100 signed up to participate over the next 2 terms.

The initiative initially brings the club into school and offers a variety of cycling opportunities from racing to mountain biking, it is then hoped that students will make the transition to the local club scene to continue their interest. In addition to this, Holyrood are hosting a professional development opportunity to staff interested in developing cycling in their own schools – the 'Go Ride' course is being run on Friday 23rd October, visit www.sesomersetssco.co.uk for further details and to register on the course.

