



Dates for your diary

PLT Module B

Tuesday 20th January, 9.30-3.30pm
TOR Rugby Club, Glastonbury

Somerset PLT Conference

Wednesday 4th February
Somerset Cricket Club, Taunton

Yoga for Schools

Thursday 12th February
Venue TBC

For more information or to book a place please visit our website:
www.sesomersetssco.co.uk

Coach Focus

Vicky Buck



Vicky hails from Somerset and as a qualified PE teacher has a wealth of coaching and curriculum delivery experience. Her CV boasts numerous sports qualifications and honours at various levels. Formerly with West Somerset Community College and SASP, she is now self employed available for Curriculum support on a Tuesday and Wednesday; costs can be met through PLT funding. If you could use her help in supporting the development of High Quality PE delivery in your school please contact your SSCO.

Merry Christmas

With Christmas nearly upon us it seems hard to believe the term has gone so quickly. During this time, we have seen many exciting events and new initiatives, from Central Venue Football and basketball in Secondary Schools, numerous coaches delivering across the Partnership as well as the launch of the new Somerset Leadership Pathway (see below). The recent PLT meetings offered a great opportunity to share good practice and it was hugely motivating to hear such enthusiastic discussion take place. We have also begun our School to Club Link Champions programme in conjunction with South Somerset District Council which uses Young Leaders associated with clubs to help 'bridge the gap' and get more pupils into Community Sport. Next term is equally exciting with the first Somerset PLT conference in February, continued central venue league fixtures, and further training opportunities for all. We are hoping to have several of our staff trained up to deliver TOPs courses including Early Years Start to play which has been requested often. Details will be available on the web site, where you can also book places on all the courses we run.



Have a very well deserved break and we look forward to the New Year eagerly when all the turkey and pudding can be worked off properly.
Merry Christmas!

Rob Treacher (Partnership Development Manager)

Somerset Leadership Pathway



In collaboration with the 3 Sports Partnerships across Somerset, the Somerset Leadership Pathway scheme has been created and launched. The pathway allows leadership skills to be recognised without the need to follow a national award from first to secondary level. The scheme has been written in line with the National curriculum and has been designed to compliment and reward existing good practice without schools having to follow a separate scheme of work. The scheme is voluntary for both

schools and pupils although the Partnership aim is that all schools have the opportunity to run the scheme if they feel it will benefit their school. If you would like your school to participate, resources can be order from the Partnership by contacting your SSCO.



Central Venue Leagues Results

Partnership Football League

This year has seen the first Partnership Football Central Venue Leagues. With great commitment from both participating and hosting schools the league has been a great success. The winners for each year group are as follows:

Year 7= Ansford **Year 8=** Holyrood
Year 9= Bucklers Mead **Year 10=** King Arthurs
Year 11= Holyrood **Year 11B =** Bucklers Mead

Well done to all the teams who took part and congratulations to the winners.

The basketball league starts after Christmas with the first year 9 fixtures being held at Sexeys for pool A and pool B at Bucklers Mead on 15th January from 16.00-17.30pm.

National Inter Schools Badminton SSP Round 1

It was good to see entries in all competitions this year increasing with some age groups having to be split into pools. The Partnership would like to thank all the teams who entered and the schools, which hosted. The winners for each category are as follows:

Key Stage 3 Boys: King Arthur's
Key Stage 4 Boys: King Arthur's

Key Stage 3 Girls: Sexeys
Key Stage 4 Girls: Sexeys



Congratulations and good luck to the winners who will all be representing the Partnership at the County rounds in Taunton on 23rd January.



KS1 Inter School Competition

Participation by Key Stage 1 pupils in inter-school competition is a big focus for the Partnership and this year has got off to a great start with lots of KS1 festivals taking place over the Partnership.

Crewkerne Cluster KS1 Multi-Skills Festival

Around 150 pupils were led by leaders from Maiden Beech. The 'stations' catered for a cross section of specific skills including, movement, balance, throwing, catching and kicking.



Gymnastics Festival at Huish Episcopi School

KS1 Pupils from the surrounding schools came together on Monday 17th November to experience a mixture of gymnastics skills. A Local primary school teacher and gymnastics coach, Margaret Fordyce, along with sports leaders from the secondary school led the different skill stations for the children. Pupils moved around the stations which consisted of rolling, balance, stretching and jumping skills.



Taking sport to Zambia

Over the past few years Curry Mallet Primary School and Twatermura School in Zambia have built up a close relationship through teacher exchanges. On her last trip to the school Head teacher, Alison Whitman, took over a bag of basic sports equipment donated by the Partnership to help the delivery of PE and sport in their school. The school really appreciated the equipment sent. If any schools have any excess equipment that they feel might be used by the school please contact SSSCo Sally Pitkin via email spitkin@educ.somerset.gov.uk who will arrange for it to be sent out on the next trip.



Football Skills Festival for Pupils with disabilities

As part of developing sport for pupils with a disability a football skills festival was hosted at Fiveways Sports Hall on 11th November. This was organised in conjunction with the FA Disability Officer Rachel Edwards and Tracey White SSSCo.

A fantastic time was had by all, with the session being led by Jemma and Jason, 2 qualified FA coaches. They were supported by both staff and teaching assistants all helping to give the pupils a positive experience.

As a follow up to this event, there will be support put in place for the staff to run a lunchtime football club and that there will also be some curriculum support in the near future. Further opportunities of this type are being organised and we hope to build on the success of this event.



SSDC Sports Awards

South Somerset District Council have held their second annual Sports Awards for clubs, coaches and performers across the region and once again the Partnership was proud to see so many of its young people involved and recognised for their hard work. Steve Parry, Olympic Butterfly swimmer and bronze medallist at the Athens Games in 2004 was the key note speaker and got the evening off to a great start with some very funny anecdotes of his time in sport. Craig Zimmerman from King Arthur's School won Junior Performer of the Year against some tough competition. The Partnership sponsored the event again this year and was proud to award the prize for Services to School Sport.

The nominees, Stuart Crisp (Bucklers Mead), Richard Bowden (Sexeys) and Adam Hawkins (Ash Primary School) have all given enormously of their time over the years and so it was a very close decision that had finally gone the way of Mr. Hawkins who was delighted with being given the award. Congratulations to all winners.



Preston Climbing Experience

Thanks to the Big lottery Bid that Mrs. White completed as SSSCo, Preston pupils have had the opportunity to participate in some rock climbing. The pupils were invited to attend two sessions with rock climbing qualified specialist Bruce Blagdon.

He was extremely pleased with the ability of the group in particular at how quickly they picked up the safety skills of communication, tying themselves onto the safety rope, belaying for each other and, of course, meeting the challenges that the wall presented to them, most reaching the very top of each climb. It was the second time that I'd been rock climbing" said James Tostevin Year 7, *"It is an experience I will never forget. When I climbed, my heart was racing at the start and I was worried about the height but I made it to the top on each climb. It was amazing"*

It is hoped that these pupils will represent the school in the near future at a competition held in Bristol.

