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Mini Olympics

*Young Leader:
"I was a bit nervous
at first but I soon got
used to it and really
enjoyed helping".*



"Stars of the future" from over 31 schools in Croydon from the Woodcote Partnership have been trying out their skills with Olympic-type athletic events, including an event to test concentration and hand eye coordination, throwing, jumping and running. Hundreds of Year 1 and 2 children have been competing in these events over the last 3 months.

Results were taken, which will be sent to each school in due course so teachers can

see how their pupils achieved amongst each other and other schools.

Congratulations to Woodside's young Year 6 leaders, who helped at the infant school event. The young leaders were mentored by the teachers not only in using a stop watch and recording results but actually taking over the teacher's role, standing in front of the children and explaining what to do!

Roger Wallbank, SSCo Edenham and
Darren Bernatovitch, SSCo Addington



*Teacher: "My young
leader started off a bit
quiet but listened to
what was said to him
and improved by the
end of the afternoon".*

Children from Year 1 and 2 at St Giles School in their mini Olympics. They took part in wheelchair racing, an obstacle race and throwing.



I spy with my Little Eye, Leaders Everywhere!

During the last few terms at least 200 young people from the age of 7 to 17 have taken part in the Woodcote School Sports Partnership Leadership training and Academy days. Pupils from Bryon, Coulsdon C of E, The Hayes, Kenley, Smitham and Regina Coeli have taken part in the play leader programme.

Leadership training was delivered by Partnership FESCo, Ryan Bull and SSCo Antoinette Whitfield. The leadership programme provided opportunities for the pupils to work with younger pupils within their School or assist with the Partnership. Sport was used as the "Vehicle" to develop such skills as, organisation, communication, co-operation and definitely enjoyment!

Over a period of weeks the pupils dis-



cussed and developed the qualities a good leader needed. They used examples from their own school or social environment, news and media as discussion topics. Together with these discussions and practical sessions they would work towards an activity using these skills to deliver a safe fun session to a younger class in their school.

As a result of this training Schools have allocated their Leaders in various ways. For example, playtime and lunchtime support, which allows the pupils to work with the adults within their school, which in turn has promoted integration of pupils of different ages and abilities.

Coulsdon C of E Primary school has now taken a step further, a group of leaders recently started to work with Year 2 pupils in their school to help them work and play with pupils from reception and Year 1 children during playtime.



It has been heartening to see how each group have seen different qualities in the other; children experience the adults having fun, but more importantly adults and staff can see the pupils have fast untapped resources and ideas, when used with supervision have proved to reduce conflict that can occur during playtimes.

As a Partnership we wanted to show that Leadership is a lifelong skill, so with students from Woodcote High School, Riddlesdown High School, Oasis Shirley Park, Oasis Coulsdon and Coulsdon College, we continued to work on these skills to plan and deliver a "Fun Day" to reward the Primary students for their efforts.

The senior leaders identified an activity they would like to deliver on the day. They



researched resources, costs, suppliers and planned a schedule for the day and delivered a successful event.

The day took on an Olympic theme, and the younger pupils became a "Country" for the day taking on team challenges working together to find the treasure, learning dance routines and making festival masks. The event concluded with an Olympic Parade, wearing masks, waving flags and best of all, the grand finale group dance!! The practise and preparation for this will not be forgotten for a long time.

Sports leadership is a great way to increase the amount of structured PE pupils receive. If you would like support with player leader training or sports leader programme, please contact your SSCo

Antoinette Whitfield,

SSCo Oasis Academy Shirley and Coulsdon



Dare 2 Dance Empowerment Day

In the region of 130 students from Woodcote, Oasis Shirley, Oasis Coulsdon and Thomas More attended the Dare to Dance Project in April, which was led by professional dancers and four teachers. The students were given a free Dare 2 Dance t-shirt to wear and keep.

They learnt various different dance styles such as "Breaking", "House", "Locking", "Popping" and "Krump". This built up into a routine where students then added their own choreography.

The dancers did a performance in front of students and then gave a lecture demonstration about the history of street dance.

This event leads into a follow up 8 week programme of dance workshops funded by Pro-Active. This can then lead to a Dance 2 Dance competition followed by performances in a theatre.

Amy Busbridge
Community Dance Coach



Dance Leaders – Mini Dance Session at Woodcote Primary School

Nineteen students from Woodcote High school planned and led a dance session at Woodcote Primary school on Friday 18th June 2010. The group split themselves up and led warm-ups, games, dance style, dance development and a final

performance in front of parents. The students all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the session and it was a great experience for the dance leaders. It has shown them how diffi-

cult it can be to stand up in front of younger pupils and lead a safe but enjoyable session.

Amy Busbridge,
Community Dance Coach



Primary Tag Rugby Festivals

On Monday 22nd March the Addington Tag Rugby Festival was held at Applegarth. Applegarth, Good Shepherd and Rowdown schools entered and the winners were Applegarth.

On Thursday 25th March the Woodcote Tag Rugby Festival was held at Woodcote High School. Six teams entered from

Coulsdon C of E (2 teams), Woodcote, Keston, Roke, Margaret Roper and Chipstead Valley Primary schools and the winners were Coulsdon C of E.

Six schools went on to represent the Woodcote Partnership on May 20th at the Tag Rugby League Borough finals at Lloyd Park; they were Coulsdon C of E, Margaret



Roper, Woodcote, Applegarth, Good Shepherd and Rowdown.

Darren Bernatovitch, SSSCo Addington High



Primary Tag Rugby League Borough Final

Teacher – “Thanks for a wonderful day”

The event was supported by players, coaches and referees from Storm Rugby League Club, South London Community Rugby League, and Harlequins rugby League.

Over 200 children attended from Croydon primary schools including Margaret Roper, Coulsdon CofE, Woodcote, and Rowdown from the Woodcote Partnership on 20 May at Lloyds Park.

The standard was very high and moved up a notch with extra coaching along the way.

Three girls and three boys were presented with player of the tournament awards and each received a t-shirt, rugby ball and water bottle all donated by Rugby League.

Elaine South, Competition Manager



Teacher – “Everyone was so supportive of our team as they were so inexperienced and they came out with a fantastic glimpse of what they could achieve with a bit more practice”.



Child – “When can we do this again?”



Rugby 7's at Dorking RFC

After receiving rugby coaching through Woodcote SSP, pupils from Coulsdon College attended the Rugby 7's tournament at Dorking Rugby Club on Wednesday 12th May. They played against a number of experienced teams including two from Richmond College and

one from Kingston, who both have established rugby academies.

The boys all played extremely well, with many having their first experience of 7's rugby. We finished 5th out of the 7 teams entered, which was an excellent result, finishing higher than Merton College and

South Coast College; teams that are realistically more our level. A special mention to Mondre Laban who received the player of the tournament award for his seven tries.

Ryan Bull, Further Education School Sport Co-ordinator, Coulsdon College

Primary Girls Kwik Cricket Competition

On a very hot and sunny afternoon 70 children from Croydon Primary schools including Keston, Coulsdon C of E from the Woodcote Partnership braved the sun rays to play Kwik cricket at "Cricket for Change", Plough Lane, Wallington on 24 May. The standard was varied but no one could fault the girls in their quest to become winners.

Although there was not an award for the most improved team, it would most definitely have

been presented to Keston Primary school. Through the 'Chance to Shine' project, the school had received a small amount of coaching but it was decided to send girls that had not previously represented their school in a competition.

After their first match the girls were feeling slightly out of their depth and asked for 'a little help'!

A bowling practice was set up and their confidence grew. By the end of their final match

the girls were smiling and feeling they had just as much talent as the rest of the teams.

It was a pleasure to witness the effect of improvement as opposed to winning. In these girls minds they were the winners!!

Elaine South, Competition Manager

"Thank you so much, the girls have really enjoyed this event, they have now organised a challenge match with the boys".

Kwik Cricket Festival at Purley Cricket Club

Four schools from the Woodcote School Sport Partnership took part in the Kwik Festival at Purley Cricket Club on 10 June, they were Woodside, Applegarth, Coulsdon C of E and Chipstead Valley Primary Schools. The overall winners were Coulsdon C of E, who then went onto represent Woodcote Sports Partnership in the Surrey Schools' ASDA Kwik Cricket finals at Epsom College. They came runners up in the Shield event. Well done!

Darren Bernatovitch,
SSCo Addington



Teachers: "The coaching clinics were very valuable and the pupils learnt many skills which were put into practice for the games".



Easter Olympic Camp

Approximately 20 students from Addington High, Good Shepherd, Wolsey and Fairchildes Primary schools attended the Easter Olympic Camp in April at Wolsey Junior School. The two days were well attended and the students took part in Tri Golf, Volleyball, Tennis, Football and Dance. Thank you to all schools for their help and to the extended school co-ordinator Shamshi Ahmed, Darren Bernatovitch, Alex Corps and all the coaches.

Ellie Atkinson, SSSo Riddlesdown & Woodcote



Gifted & Talented Academy

Twenty five pupils, identified as “Gifted and Talented”, from Chipstead Valley, Margaret Roper, Keston, Byron, Wattenden and Hayes Primary participated in a variety of sports to try and encourage them to join local clubs..

They completed 6 sessions after school on a Tuesday, each 1 hour and 30 minutes including Volleyball, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Tennis and Martial Arts. The sessions were held at Purley Tennis & Cricket Club, Thomas More, Riddlesdown and Woodcote High Schools.

Thank you to all the schools, clubs and parents involved and I look forward to expanding the Academy in the new academic year.

Ellie Atkinson, SSSo Riddlesdown & Woodcote



Step Into Sport Leadership Camp – 29th March to 1st April

Lee Harris and Matt Morecraft were chosen to attend the annual Sports Leader Conference at Loughborough University. They were selected due to their dedication and commitment they have shown to leadership whilst attending Coulsdon College. This is what they said about it:

“I was not expecting this camp to be so good. Two leaders were selected from each Partnerships and over 306 attended in total. Lee Harris and I were selected from the Woodcote Partnership.

While I was there, I met Darren Campbell (GB Athletics) and Alex Danson (GB Hockey).

Also, while I was there I made loads of new friends and learned many more skills to make me a better leader as that was the point of the camp. I was also introduced to “Ultimate Frisbee”, which I passed a young leader’s award, which will enable me to coach the sport so the trip was very beneficial.

The best part of the camp that I experienced was the party on the last night as the whole night was unbelievable as it gave me a chance to experience university life. The most important lesson I am taking away from the camp’s experience is – confidence is crucial when coaching as it looks

good and makes the session so much better”.
Matt Morecraft, Coulsdon College Student



News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash!

The previous Government accepted recommendations put forward by Sir Jim Rose to implement a new primary curriculum from September 2011.

Ministers have now announced today that the new Government does not intend to proceed with the new primary curriculum.

The Government intends to return the National Curriculum to its intended purpose – a minimum national entitlement organised around subject disciplines – and will shortly announce its next steps.

In the meantime, the existing primary curriculum will continue to be in force in 2011/12 and schools should plan on that basis.

Implications for Physical Education within the Woodcote SPP
Schools can continue with their current work on developing Physi-

cal Education to be high in quality, varied in delivery of skills and themes and focused on the individual child making as much progress as is seen fit for them.

Teacher support and workshops will be available to aid with creativity, delivery of Physical Education across all Key Stages and how to make accurate usable assessments.

One to one sessions can also be booked with the PE Coordinator/ Subject Leader to run an internal audit and department action plan.

If you would like to book a session please contact me direct:

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Wendy Howell, Specialist Link Teacher

Swimming Gala

A Fun Gala for all Year 3's from Christchurch, Regina Coeli and Margaret Roper Primary schools was held at Thomas More Swimming pool.

Races varied from picking up objects from the bottom, float races, fetching partners with a noodle and hilarious relay races as well as length races in recognised strokes. It was great fun and a great chance to learn about swimming in galas.

Helen Hazelwood, SSCo Thomas More



Special Athletics

St. Giles hosted a special athletics afternoon and children from Regina Coeli and Margaret Roper had the pleasure of running round the St Giles' athletics track, slalom racing, trying standing long jump and high throw. It was great fun and we all went home puffed out.

Helen Hazelwood, SSCo Thomas More



Croydon Volleyball Success

Ladies team wins the league and is unbeaten this season! Well done Terri Collier from Thomas More who played in the winning team.



GOOD NEWS – INDOOR ROWING

On 24th April Woodcote Sports Partnership hosted an Indoor Rowing event. Throughout, the day pupils from Woodcote High School competed in time trials and after school joined pupils from other secondary schools in Croydon. Pupils from Thomas More Catholic School, Oasis Shirley Park and Harris South Norwood all rowed as hard as they could. The purpose of the day was to try a new sport and work as a team by supporting each other during relay races. There was a great atmosphere as motivational music was pumping during the sessions and pupils were really focussed on their technique.

As a result of the day, Woodcote Sports Partnership has teamed up with Croydon Sports Development to field

a Croydon Squad for the Youth Games.

The following pupils will compete for Croydon:

Nicola Murrell – Woodcote High School
Nick Vagg – Woodcote High School
Rhianna Brooks – Woodcote High School
Sukhdeep Vesra – Woodcote High School
Terri Collier – Thomas More School
Jack Catterell – Thomas More School
Joshua Addo Yobo – Thomas More School
Casandra Moolman – Oasis Shirley Park
Trevina Medley – Harris South Norwood

If you would like more information about rowing and rowing programmes please visit www.londonyouthrowing.com/programmes/school-holiday-programmes/



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