

# The Partnership **post**

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Woodcote School Sport Partnership Newsletter

## Welcome to the first issue of the Woodcote School Sport Partnership newsletter



As Partnership Development Manager, I would like to welcome all schools to the first issue of the Woodcote School Sport Partnership (SSP) newsletter.

Woodcote SSP comprises of 7 secondary schools and 33 primary and special schools with over 15,000 pupils. School Sport Co-ordinators and Primary Link Teachers have been working tirelessly over the last few years towards reaching the Government's public service target of 85% of pupils achieving 2 hours of high quality physical education. I am pleased to say that we exceeded this target and over 13,000 pupils are now doing this.

We now enter a new phase of Sports Partnerships as we head towards London 2012. The aim is not only to create world class elite performers, but to extend opportunities for all young people to have the opportunity to access a further 3 hours of sport or physical activity outside of school.

For this to be successful, we now need to work in partnership with community groups, leisure centres and sports clubs to make this happen.



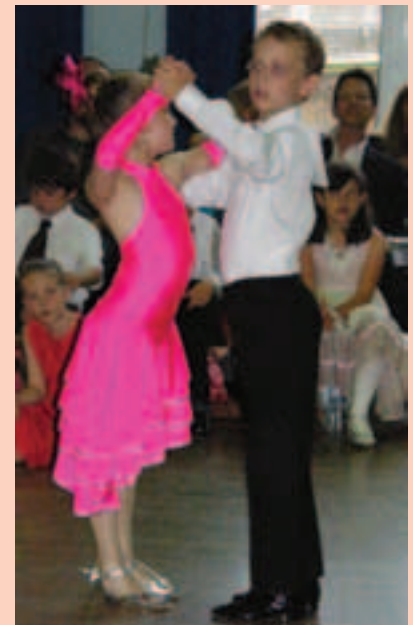
There have been many highlights over the last year including a packed Primary Competition Calendar which has seen over 3,000 children taking part in at least one competition. One of the most impressive events being the Year 4 girl's football event at "Goals Soccer Centre" at Elmer's End, where in excess of 300 pupils took part.

Specific funding was gained to support pupils who do not normally take part in after school activities, which provided a range of non traditional activities to take place in the Secondary schools including, non-contact boxing, climbing, dance mat sessions, archery, street dance, baseball and trampolining. Pictures of selected sessions can be seen in this edition.



## "Strictly Drolet"

Lorraine Drolet from "Drolet Dance" has been continuing her successful programme of ballroom dance coaching in the Coulsdon schools, which culminated in two competitions in the last year. These involved hundreds of budding "Strictly Come Dancing" performers.



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# The Partnership Team



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# Competition Corner

In 2007/2008 we saw the introduction of the Primary Schools Competition Calendar. It was put in place to raise the number of students taking part in competitive sports in Primary and Secondary Schools. The Woodcote Partnership successfully achieved its predicted target of 40% of young people participating in competition by July 2008. A great result achieved through the hard work of many people.

The year was packed full of events that were organised around family competitions with winners moving into the inter Partnership final and then the Borough final. Sports were chosen where



*They're off!*

there were good local club links and that could give children the opportunity to move through a structured player pathway, sometimes leading to district and national competitions.

The Woodcote Partnership was well represented at all the competitions but our greatest achievement was when Woodcote Junior School won the Borough Asda Kwik Cricket Final, which was held at Old Whitgiftians in July. The team went on to represent Croydon in the Surrey Finals at Epsom College, where they managed to achieve a semi-final position – Congratulations!

Competitions for 2008/2009 have already started, with a very high standard being set. All schools in Croydon have been participating in family run cross-country events. To date, there have been over 1500 children running for glory!

The greatest number of children attending a single family event was in the Addington Family. The SSCo, Darren Bernatovitch, had over 140 students from years 3, 4, 5 & 6, all vying to be the winning team and to represent the Woodcote Partnership at the Borough finals.

Not to be outdone, SSCo Roger Wallbank, who runs the Edenham family, organised his cross-country event virtually. He arranged for his schools to

competitions. The tournament champions went onto a Borough final at Woodcote and they were: Chipstead Valley Primary, Greenvale Primary, Coulsdon CofE, The Hayes Primary, Ashburton Junior, Regina Coeli Junior.

At a more senior and club level, we have had even more success with four



*Top 5 girls, Cross-country 2008.*

run at their own grounds and on a timed basis. This meant that he achieved the greatest number of children running overall with over 90% of participating children (over 500 runners) – fantastic!

Once again it proves that children love sport and even more, they love to compete.

Our competition calendar is fully booked this year (see page 7) with many events ensuring that the winners of finals could represent Croydon at the London Mini games in July 2009.



*Top 5 boys, Cross-country 2008.*

Woodcote Year 11 boys being selected to play for the South of England Under 18 Team, an immense achievement considering they were only 15 at the time. The boys will now have an intense training programme and series of matches, which will test them to their limits! We wish them all the best and offer as much support as we possibly can.

Walcourtian Blues Lacrosse Club has seen an increasing amount of youngsters participating in lacrosse training as a result of the coaching they have received in schools. The Partnership has also trialled a host day in association with the club for Chipstead Valley Year 6 pupils where the children were introduced to the club during a PE afternoon at the club. The children were given the opportunity to use the clubs' equipment and playing fields. This was a real success.

## Croydon Sporting Ambassadors

On the 23rd September two Young Ambassadors travelled up to Oxford for a conference. They met several inspirational Olympians including Joe Glanfield, who won silver in the 470 Class in Beijing.

The Young Ambassadors were selected

either because of their strong sporting talent or through their commitment to sports leadership and volunteering.

The Young Ambassadors will help build on the excitement created by the 2012 Games by championing the Olympic and Paralympic values, sport, PE and a

healthy lifestyle to other youngsters.

The Young Ambassadors will be working with their mentors throughout the coming year to support festivals and coaching pupils in clubs as well as giving presentations in some of their local schools. If you would like the Young Ambassadors to come into your school, please contact your PDM.



## Girls' Night

Monday Night is Girls' Night at Thomas More with pupils from Years 9 and 10 invited to take part in taekwondo, street dance, and trampolining. Expert coaches have been taking the sessions and many girls have enjoyed meeting with their friends, improving their skills and getting fitter.

## Table Top Festival

The sports leaders from Thomas More organised and ran a morning of inclusive activities for children from local primary schools including St leaders carefully devised games that could be attempted by all children most were played on table tops but a few were played on the floor. Everyone tried out indoor curling (known as new age kurling), target boccia, hitting cans from a table, magnetic darts, and other newly invented games that were challenging and fun. It was a really enjoyable morning when everyone worked really hard.



## Thomas More Swimming Galas



Everyone in years 3, 4 and 5 in the Thomas More family of Primary Schools has been invited to swim in a gala at the newly refurbished pool at Thomas More. The swimming has been of a high standard with some children going on to win events at the Croydon borough finals.

Left: The Margaret Roper winning Team

## Kwik Cricket

England Cricket has a golden future if we can judge by the Kwik Cricket festival at Thomas More. A nail biting tournament was won by Margaret Roper school whose team put on an impressive batting performance with many of the pupils coming from year 4!



## Multi Skills Festivals

The fantastic sports hall at Thomas More has been the venue to 3 multi skills festivals where pupils from Thomas More have helped to run the activities on offer. Children from years 1 and 2 in local Primary schools have tried their hands at throwing, catching and athletics skills amongst many others.



# Sporting Activities for Addington Partnership

Year 9 and 10 students from Addington High enjoyed various outdoor activities at Frylands, including archery.

The School Sports Partnership was fortunate enough to receive funding to help with after school activities for students that wouldn't normally attend clubs after school. The money has helped set up "Active8", which takes place on Wednesdays, and pays for specialist coaches in baseball and boxing.



Primary school children enjoyed the new craze of "Speed Cup Stacking" at an organised festival at Good Shepherd. Four pupils from each year group took part. Speed stacking improves hand eye co-ordination by working the left and right side of the body simultaneously.

A five-a-side football tournament took place last term at Wolsey Junior School. Six teams took part with Woodcote Juniors finishing victorious winners and Good Shepherd runners up.



# "High Fives" for Chipstead Valley

Chipstead Valley Primary School's "High 5" Netball Team represented Croydon in the London Youth Games this year. They qualified after competing in the "High 5 Netball Festival" at Crystal Palace sponsored by Man Group PLC and organised by Active Surrey. An invitation was extended to 54 London School Sports Partnerships to enter a team – Chipstead Valley took up the challenge to represent Croydon.

"High 5 Netball" is the modified game recommended by England Netball for 9 to 11 year old girls and boys.


Chipstead Valley were accompanied by Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Perry and Zoe Taylor. Zoe, a student from Woodcote High School, after only a few weeks training, was the only young person umpiring some of the matches at the Festival and was given the honour of umpiring one of the quarter final matches.

At the London Youth Games, the team played brilliantly in the morning, winning nearly all their matches. This put the team into the quarter finals against a very tough team, unfortunately, Chipstead Valley just missed out in qualifying for the semi-final by two goals. However, Elaine South, Competition Manager said: "Finishing in the top eight, was the best Croydon had achieved in netball for a long while".

The happy Chipstead Valley team were Kirsty Butcher (captain), Sarah Heard-White, Myles Wright, Kerry Saunders, Alex Mclean, Rebecca Taylor and John Ford.



# Paralympic Handover London 2012



Woodcote High School marked the historic moment London was handed the Paralympics flag and became the official host city for the 2012 Olympic Games.

All year 8 pupils were involved in several Olympic sports for one day. These included archery, volleyball, gymnastics, cycling and fencing.

Participants then gathered in the main hall to receive their first two Olympic badges, which were presented by Ex-Paralympian Fencer, Mick Parsons.

A big thank you to Surrey Bowman Archery Club, British Cycling and British Fencing for all the coaching and help on the day.

Children from Margaret Roper RC Primary School also took part in activities centered around the handover at 2.30 to 3.00pm. Children played and tried some Paralympics sports and had a dragon parade and torch handover.

## Primary CPD Calendar

### Autumn – Second Half Term

|             |                                  |                         |              |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 4 & 5 Nov   | TOP Swimming                     | St Mary's Junior School | 4.00- 6.00pm |
| 11 & 12 Nov | TOP Gymnastics without apparatus | Rowdown Primary School  | 4.00- 6.00pm |
| 26 Nov      | PLT Module C                     | Southfields, Wandsworth | 9.30- 3.30pm |

### Spring – First Half Term

|              |                                    |                      |               |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 13 Jan (New) | NQT (and new teachers) Key Stage 1 | TBC                  | 9.00-12.00am  |
| 13 Jan (New) | NQT (and new teachers) Key Stage 2 | TBC                  | 12.30- 3.30pm |
| 15 Jan       | Primary PE Co-ordinators Forum     | Woodcote High School | 4.30- 6.00pm  |
| 15 Jan       | PLT Module D                       | Woodcote High School | 9.30- 3.30pm  |
| 27 & 28 Jan  | TOP Dance                          | BRIT School          | 4.00- 6.00pm  |
| 29 Jan (New) | NQT (and new teachers) Early Years | TBC                  | 9.00-12.00am  |
| 11 Feb       | PLT Module E                       | The Hub, Merton      | 9.30- 3.30pm  |

### Spring – Second Half Term

|             |               |               |              |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 24 & 25 Mar | TOP Athletics | Croydon Arena | 4.00- 6.00pm |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|

### Summer – First Half Term

|           |                                |                           |              |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 30 Apr    | Primary PE Co-ordinators Forum | Venue:TBC                 | 4.30- 6.00pm |
| 6 & 7 May | TOP Outdoors                   | St Peter's Primary School | 4.00- 6.00pm |



## Primary Competition Calendar

| Date               | Event                  | Year Group       | Time          | Location                          | Contact      |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Autumn Term</b> |                        |                  |               |                                   |              |
| 18 November        | Girls Football         | 4                | During School | Goals, Elmers End                 | Elaine South |
| w/c 1 December     | Multi Skills           | 2                | After School  | TBC                               | SSCo         |
| 11 December        | Hockey                 | 5 and 6          | After School  | Whitgift School                   | Elaine South |
| <b>Spring Term</b> |                        |                  |               |                                   |              |
| 9 January          | Boccia                 | MLD/SLD KS2, 3 4 | 10 – 2pm      | Cannons Leisure Centre            | Elaine South |
| w/c 19 January     | Sports Hall Athletics  | 5 and 6          | After School  | SSCo to advise                    | SSCo         |
| 12 February        | Basketball             | 5 and 6          | After School  | TBC                               | Elaine South |
| 26 March           | Primary High 5 Netball | 5 and 6          | During School | Woodcote High School/Shirley High | Elaine South |
| W/c 16 March       | Tag Rugby              | 5 and 6          | After School  | SSCo to Advise                    | SSCo         |
| <b>Summer Term</b> |                        |                  |               |                                   |              |
| 21 April           | Boys Football          | 4                | During School | Goals, Elmers End                 | Elaine South |

## Senior Competition Calendar

Girls 5-a-side football starts Wednesday 5 November until 10 December at "Goals" Soccer Centre, Elmers End.

Future competition opportunities for Table Tennis, Badminton, Gymnastics and Trampolining in 2009.

### WATCH THIS SPACE!

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