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## Playground 2 Podium ID Day



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, the Welwyn Hatfield SSP joined with St Albans and Harpenden SSPs to host our annual talent identification day for those young people with physical and / or sensory impairments. The day was held at Herts Sports Village and had coaches from the local football and wheelchair basketball clubs leading the sessions. The day was used to introduce the students to activities they may not have come across before as well as identifying those students with potential to go to a County Identification Day.

Congratulations must go to Katie Hutley from Chancellors school who has made it through this county day to be held at Lea Valley Sports Centre. We wish her every success!



## Jump Rope Training

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March girls from Bishop's Hatfield enjoyed a day of skipping when coaches from Jump Rope UK came to the school. Pupils from year 7, 8 & 9 took part in the sessions which included basic individual skipping skills, group tricks and demonstrations.



## Young People Leading the Way Conference

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March at the University of Hertfordshire Sports Village

One Year 7 student, one Year 8 student and two Year 9 students from every secondary school in the county were invited to attend this one day conference on Thursday or Friday.

The morning sessions included team building exercises, an opening ceremony, what makes a good leader, designing a competition, problem solving and an opportunity to question an athlete role model.

In the afternoon all the students were given the chance to focus on the YOUR Sport resource cards and deliver an activity to another group.

At the end of the day they reported back to their accompanying staff and discussed what and how they were going to plan, organize and deliver once they were back at school.

They all came up with some wonderful ideas which they will now have great fun putting into practice in the summer term.

### **Here are some of the thoughts from the students.**

“It was nice working with different year groups and students from different schools”

“It was great to have the opportunity to learn how to lead sports events”

“Overall it was a very exciting experience for us all.”

“It was a positive day from which I have gained lots of skills and knowledge.”

‘It was a great day, getting to work with different schools and different ages.’ Becca Oliver (y9)

‘A fantastic day. Anybody can be a leader with the right qualities.’ Ryan Hamer (y9)

‘A great opportunity to improve our leadership skills whilst working with other schools.’ Megan Frost (y8)

‘It was a great day with plenty of opportunities to become a great leader, working with a variety of people.’ Aaron Forman (y7)



Year 4 Indoor Athletics – Bishop’s Hatfield Family

The Ryde, De Havilland and St Philip Howard Primary Schools took part in this event on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Hatfield Leisure Centre.

The Year 4 girls and boys all took part in 5 field events and 3 track events.

Every child had a go at vertical jump, standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push and target throw followed by an obstacle race, a sprint and an under and over race.

Certificates were given out to every child for participating in the festival and to every boy and girl who won an event. Sports Leaders from Bishop’s Hatfield did a great job officiating all afternoon.



Year 4 Indoor Athletics – Stanborough Family

Applecroft, Creswick, Lakeside, Holwell, Holy Family, Our Lady’s and St John’s Lemsford took part in this event on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Stanborough School.

The Year 4 girls and boys all took part in 5 field events and 3 track events.

Every child had a go at vertical jump, standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push and target throw followed by an obstacle race, a sprint and an under and over race.

Certificates were given out to every child for participating in the festival and to every boy and girl who won an event. Sports Leaders from Stanborough did a great job officiating all afternoon.



## Next Steps Trampolining Competition

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March Monks Walk School hosted the Welwyn Hatfield Next Steps Trampolining Competition.

Schools that took part included Onslow St Audrey's, Bishops Hatfield, Sir Frederic Osborn and Monks Walk.

The Year 8/9 and 10/11 competitions were each split into 3 Steps and Tracey Royale (Gymnastics Development Officer for Hertfordshire) was present to score the routines with one of her newly qualified umpires.



Winners on the day in their respective Steps were Sir Frederic Osborn, Onslow St Audrey's and Monks Walk and they went on to compete in the Next Steps County Trampolining Final at Marriotts School in Stevenage.

At the County Final Onslow St Audrey's went on to win their Step routine 1 to claim a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> place whilst Sir Frederic Osborn came an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective Step 2 routine.

## Sir Frederic Osborn Sports Leaders

Over the past couple of weeks Sir Frederic Osborn pupils have been leading Tri Golf sessions at Panshanger and Springmead Primary Schools. The 16 Year 12 sports leaders currently on the Community Sports Leader Awards Level 2 course were given the chance to demonstrate their leadership skills to Year 3/4 children.

The sessions organised by Mark Simmons the School Sports Coordinator at Sir Frederic Osborn also gave the opportunity for Year 3/4 pupils to try their hand at Tri Golf in preparation for the Welwyn Hatfield SSP Tri Golf Competition after Easter.

## Olympic Tour

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March we were given the opportunity to go and visit the Olympic park.

Our day began at the Campus West where we were briefed on what the day involved and how the London Olympics has developed since winning the bid on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July six years ago.

Before going to Stratford where 60% of the games are being held including the 80,000 seated athletics stadium, we visited the Lee Valley centre in Waltham Abbey which is home to the white water centre, which will be open for public use in April this year for 6 months, before being closed in preparation for the games where the area will be dressed and 15,000 seats will be erected to cater for vast amounts of spectators.



We were then taken to the Lee Valley athletics stadium, where we were given a guided tour and told that the venue would be used by athletes in 2012 as a holding venue so that athletes can get away from the hustle and bustle of the Olympic park.

We were then whisked off to Stratford where we stopped for lunch in a traditional East End pub before going to the viewing gallery, there we were able to see the whole of the Olympic park and beyond. I was astonished to see how much of the park had been completed and refreshing to hear what was being put in place after the games to carry on the legacy, which is how London originally won the bid, for example once the games have finished the athletics stadium will remain and be used as a multipurpose stadium where football and cricket can be played as well as concerts can take place..



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