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**E-NEWSLETTER**

## A final farewell.....but not forgotten

Hello All,

You may know already or have heard on the grapevine that the Welwyn Hatfield SSP will no longer be in existence as from the next academic year. This is due to the Government allocation of funding being reduced considerably which doesn't allow the current structure to stay as it is. The Government targets for the next academic year are very much around the School Games and the Olympic Legacy so we are very positive that the emphasis on sport in school will continue to grow and have a presence in every school in the borough.

When I started back in April 2008 I had no idea what to expect coming from a sports development background and my first ever meeting with the WH Head Teachers was a real eye opener and one which has held me in good stead for times since and a admirable understanding of the role they play in the welfare of all the children under their care.

The original WHSSP team (Michelle Woolley, Stuart Williams, Cherie Wiper and Steve Willis) were initially a challenge as I am sure they all saw me as the man who had taken away their precious Jo (Jo Moxham) who eventually went on to pastures new once her family grew to a 2 + 2 (it rhymes!). The team probably felt a little bit concerned about my credentials having not come from an educational background and I agree to a certain extent that I was probably a little bit naïve on that front but was quick to assimilate to the environment that I was in and I gradually won them over. With the addition of Mark Simmons, Lesley Forman and Susi Sharples we became a force to be reckoned with nothing was beyond our capabilities.

The team were now in overdrive working to a master plan and finally, we cracked it ,reaching the 90% target of all children attending PE in all schools in the borough...thank you guys and thank you to all the Primary Link Teachers, Heads of PE and Head Teachers who believed in the ethos and principles of sport and PE. I know the end of year survey was a pain but I am sure you will all agree all the children really appreciated the work that you put in.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the external partners who have helped us along the way (HSP, WHSPAA, WHBC) you know who you are, our PDM colleagues in the other SSPs for their encouragement and guidance over the years and finally Sir Frederic Osborn School (Sue Lewis) for allowing us to use their establishment their trust in my ability and the vital support of their staff (especially Carol in finance and Jo Nicol) for what has been a fantastic and rewarding journey one which we will always remember.

Keep the spirit of sport alive in Welwyn Hatfield

**Steve Savva, Partnership Development Manager**

## National School Sports Week

To celebrate National Schools Sports Week girls from Bishop's Hatfield led an assembly to promote their local sports club.

The club ambassadors informed girls from year 7, 8 & 9 about the clubs they attend and why they enjoyed them so much. Local clubs included Welwyn Garden City Swimming Club, Spatz Dance Club, Flips Gymnastics and Herts Phoenix Athletics Club.

The girls proudly wore their club ambassador t-shirts around school so they could be easily identified by other pupils who may like to ask them for more information. All the club ambassadors handed out leaflets to promote their local club.



## National School Sports Week 27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July

Mrs C.Wiper, School Sports Coordinator writes.

Monday – Wednesday there were several sports events which took place at Stanborough School.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

The Year 13 Higher Sports Leader Group have to organize a sports event for part of their course. This year the group decided to invite Year 2 children from all our primary schools to a Sports Extravaganza on the Monday morning of National School Sports Week. 165 children took part in a variety of relay races which included throwing and catching, balancing, dribbling, running straight and through obstacles and dressing up to mention just a few.

The children had a great time despite the temperature reaching 27°C, which meant they had to drink lots and lots of water!!! Several of the primary school staff commented on how good the event was and they hoped that it could become a permanent event in the calendar because this Year Group have never had such a wonderful experience before.

Well done to all the Higher Sports Leaders who came in especially to deliver this event after their exams have finished and to the other 6<sup>th</sup> form sports leaders who came to support them.



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

The climbing wall from Fairlands Valley Sailing Centre was on site all day, paid for by the Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership. Several groups of students from Lakeside School came down to use the wall and the instructors were very impressed with how they performed.

A group of Stanborough students, from Years 7, 8 & 9, were fortunate to use the wall at lunch time. These students were chosen by the PE department to receive this reward for working hard in lessons and abiding by the Stanborough Code. They were unfortunate, however, because they got soaked as the thunderstorm started and then the session ended early due to lightening!!

The Lakeside sports event was also affected in the afternoon as the rain continued to fall heavily, but the Lakeside staff brought lots of children down in mini buses and we all played games in the sports hall.

Lots of Year 12 and 13 sports leaders helped with the adapted rounder's and parachute games and a good time was had by all.



## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – a.m

The whole of Year 8 at Stanborough took part in an inter school competition versus Chancellors School on Wednesday morning. 180 students from Chancellors were bused across to Stanborough using transport paid for by the Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership. The Year 8 students were put into 6 different activities and subsequently into equal teams. Competitions then commenced in football, netball, badminton, kwik cricket, rounders and relay races. 40 Year 10 Btec students and several Year 12 sports leaders, all from Stanborough School, then officiated the competitions supervised by members of the Stanborough PE department. At the end of the morning everyone then came back into the sports hall for the presentations. Certificates for the winning team in each activity were then presented by the Year Leaders from both schools.

The final result was Chancellors 3 Stanborough 3. A draw.

Well done to all students and staff who made this huge event possible.



## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – p.m

Ben Lace, Richard Murray and George Martin have been working through their Community Sports Leaders Award all year, building up towards their main event which they planned for and lead on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in Stanborough School's Sports Hall. The Year 12 CSLA students planned and delivered a "Mini Alternative Olympic Games" competition for sixty Year 4 students from Applecroft School which involved four main sports, including Boccia, Curling, Badminton and Speed Stacking.

The Applecroft students all thoroughly enjoyed themselves with lots of cheering and laughter, experiencing new activities they had never tried before. This can only be down to the fantastic organisation of the competition and the clear communication of each event by our Leaders.

Well done to the CSLA students and Mitch Seymour, Adam Sawyer, Sarah Miller and Sam Marouche who came to lend their support on the day.

## Olympic Day – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

The CSLA students in Year 12 at Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School, planned, organised and delivered an Olympic style competition as part of their course.

They invited children from the local primary schools to attend. 119 Year 5 children came from The Ryde, St Philip Howard and De Havilland.

16 selected Year 9 students supported the event by being group leaders or officials on the stations.

The CSLA students chose to mix up the schools so each team had children from each school. The seven stations included a sprint race, javelin, standing long jump, obstacle race, hurdles, rounder's ball throw and a rest station. The event ran smoothly and the primary children enjoyed working with children from other schools. They were all very supportive of one another and encouraged everyone to do their best, as everyone's score was recorded. Participation certificates were given out to all the children and winners' certificates were given out to Team 5 who accrued the most points during the afternoon.

**Well done to everyone involved.**



## **An excellent day of Tennis and Fun for the Creswick team!**

Just before half term, Creswick tennis team were unbeaten at the Welwyn Hatfield tennis competition at Gosling. This meant that they went forward to represent Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership at the County finals. This turned out to be a massive event with an Olympic style opening ceremony and hundreds of school children from around the county representing their area to compete in different sports.

The Creswick tennis team arrived at the Hatfield De Havilland Sports Village on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June full of excitement and anticipation for what proved to be a memorable day for all.

With a key focus on 2012 and the forthcoming Olympics, the first event of the day was the Opening Ceremony where some fantastic talent was seen and heard. A variety of VIPs were present including; Olympians Darren Campbell and Mark Richardson and Paralympians Ade Adepitan and Helen Freeman. Among the performances was Hertfordshire's Got Talent 2010 winner Georgia Sheed, Saracens Cheerleaders, as well as a fantastic performance of Taiko accompanied by some dance. The atmosphere was electric and the Creswick team was rearing to go!

The competition was fierce and the Creswick team battled their way through the morning each individually contributing to the overall team scores achieved. Along the way there was fun to be had by all! We came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and were only beaten by the eventual winners by 1 point!

The day finished with a round up of the scores, and the top three schools were awarded individual certificates and medals. Creswick lost out to some tough opponents.

A surprise announcement was then made... all participating schools would receive vouchers to help purchase tennis equipment for their schools!!! Creswick School was awarded £50!!!

A very big congratulation to, Ioan Passera (Yr 3), Callum Roche, Megan Kwashi, Jasmin Osborn (Yr 4) and Lauren Enever (team support- Yr 3), for representing the school so well. Also a very big thank-you to Mrs Warrington for all her help and support to the team on the day.

Written by Lauren and Yvonne Enever