Welcome to the Spring edition of Stoke up Sport which will give a flavour of what has been happening in the two sport partnerships over the last few months. A very successful SSP Conference was held in September at Fenton Manor, where the mood was very upbeat in anticipation of the Olympic year ahead. Over 80% of schools have since completed the registration for the Get Set network, which is one of the best responses in the West Midland region. The School Games programme is well under way and the Level 3 games will take place on our doorstep this year on July 3rd at Keele University. This will provide a tremendous opportunity for our young leaders to be involved in a County wide event. Meanwhile a comprehensive guide outlining how to run your level 1 School Games will be available immediately after half term - so plan your day and be ahead of the game. The two SSPs have been allocated 18 Primary change4life Clubs which will start after Easter; there will be more schools involved as the programme expands in the near future. Many exciting events are planned over the next few months - so just refer to the updated events calendar for more information or contact:-

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Great exposure for the STARS Squad

A film has been successfully produced to promote the North and South Stoke SSPs STARS squad. The film was produced by the Reporter’s Academy from Manchester and it now appears on their youtube site as well as the youtube site for the Stoke SSPs. The film features 6 students, namely Jack Buckley and Morgan Coops (Trentham High), Rebecca Martin (Sandon BEC), Aaron Lymer, Ashlie Scarlett and Beth Johnson (Holden Lane High School). As the film showcases young, local, elite athletes it is an ideal film to inspire other students from the Stoke-on-Trent area either during an assembly or PHSE session – just follow the link from our website to view (www.stokessps.org).

The film is now being shown on the large BBC screens across the country in 23 major city centres (see list below). The film has raised the profile of the squad and as a consequence the YST invited 7 STARS squad members to attend a National Performance Camp for elite athletes at Telford on Feb 9th (including students from Trentham High, St Joseph’s College, the Sixth Form College, Holden Lane and Haywood High School). The students had a workshop with Guin Batten (Silver Olympic medallist) and they were lucky enough to have a Q & A session with Olympic Gold medallist Jason Gardener. There was also time to attend the opening key note address at the conference and to explore the NGB trade stands.


The film is now being adapted so that it can hopefully be shown on the screen during a Premier League home game at the Britannia Stadium sometime in April.

Your contacts in the High Schools;

South Stoke SSP: John Maxwell, Sandon BEC, Anthony Walton, Discovery Academy, Jane Yorke, Trentham High School, Derek Yeomans, Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthew’s Academy, Ian Brailsford, Thistley Hough High School, Kate Rowson, St Thomas More and Dan Brierley, St Joseph’s College.

North Stoke SSP: Nigel Edwards, Holden Lane Sports College, Liz Garrity, Co-op Academy, Debbie Fowler, St Peter’s Academy, Tracy Matthias, Birches Head High School, Rob Adlington, Haywood High School, Mandy Rowlinson, Horizon Ormiston Academy and Mark Pearson, St Margaret Ward.
OSSMA LEAGUE IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

To date there have been three sets of fixtures in the OSSMA League. I'm sure there's a great deal more excitement and anticipation from the boys and girls taking part than any happenings in its smaller brother, 'The Champions League'!

Nine Primary Schools have been involved in intensive competition over the past few weeks with a number of fixtures still to go. All taking part on OSSMA's state of the Art 3G playing surface. Excitement is heightened amongst the competitors when the floodlights come on, making them feel they are involved in something really special. Officiating all the games have been Key Stage 4 pupils from the Academy. Their performances have received a great deal more positive feedback than is heard by football pundits on TV, regarding Premiership refs!

Clarice Cliff are the early leaders, however, in the words of a wise football pundit, "It's a marathon not a sprint." Other schools who may yet take the title are Blerton, Sutherland, Heron Cross, Alexandra Juniors, St Paul's, Belgrave and St Bartholomew's Academy, Glebe, Newstead and Christchurch.

OSSMA AGILITY CHALLENGE

The Agility Challenge Competition was open to all Primary schools in the OSSMA area and took place in the Academy gym on Wednesday, 16th November. Four schools, Blerton, Newstead, Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy and St. Paul's took part, bringing anything from one to three teams. The activities involved were; the Balance Test, the Standing Long Jump, Speed Bounce, Target Throw, High Stepper, Chest Push and 10 x10m Shuttle Run. The overall winners were Newstead, with Ben Wood from Belgrave and St Bartholomew's Academy being the highest individual point's scorer. Many thanks go to the Young Leaders who did an outstanding job, both judging and encouraging the younger pupils.

KEEP ON RUNNING

Children from Sandon Primary are very keen on running - they take their cross country very seriously and are lucky to have a large field to practice in. The school now run an after school running club which is proving to be extremely popular. Some children started off by only being able to walk but with fitness levels improving the pace is now picking up.

Olympic Athlete visits Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy

On 18th October 2011, Laura Samuel, an Olympic triple jumper, visited Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy to take part in a sponsored fitness event. The whole school took part in a fitness circuit where they had to do press-ups, star jumps and leg drives – even the teachers had a go! Laura encouraged and supported the children whilst they were doing their exercises. The children then enjoyed an assembly where Laura demonstrated how she does the triple jump and showed off her medals. Over £600 in sponsorship money was raised by the children, which is being put towards new sports equipment for the school.
Premier League4Sport Young Team Managers Course

A dozen Tony Pulis’ of the future took their first steps on the ladder towards being the boss by attending a Young Team Managers Course at Villa Park. The youngsters from Holden Lane, Margaret Ward, Trentham High School and the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College were inspired to become team managers by handling typical real life scenarios. All of the attendees were current participants at Stoke City Premier League 4 Sport sessions and now plan to be deployed in the role of team manager at inter house school competitions.

‘The course was really useful because it allowed us to understand the differences between the role of a coach and a manager,” said attendee Charleigh Smith. ‘I think most of us were surprised at how many decisions a manager has to actually make and how good they have to be at communicating to be a success.” Following the course the youngsters played out the part of Premier League player by walking down the player’s tunnel to music during a tour of the stadium.

Primary Links with Discovery Academy

Over the term The Discovery Academy has been making links with different primary schools to help to run events and to extend their PE provision.
- Gladstone - Rowing
- Sandford Hill Primary - Rowing
- Belgrave - Trampolining
- Kingsland Primary - Dance & Rowing
- Kemball Special School - Dance

Safe Cycling at Discovery Academy

During intervention week year 7 students participated in the bikeability training. The training was to help make them safer cyclists on the road and to give them the necessary skills to fix and maintain a safe bicycle. All 25 students passed their Level 2

More Bikeability at Thistley Hough High School

Each year Thistley Hough High School offers the opportunity for year 7 students to learn about cycle safety, receive a full day’s bike training and gain a nationally recognised cycle qualification. This year November 1st 16 year 7 students took part in this training; although it was a cold day the students were all very well behaved and got on with the course without any fuss. Many of our students were able to display an already high standard of cycle awareness and bike safety. By the end of the full days training all of our students had passed part of their test at school and been out on the local roads for two hours. The cycling instructors commented on how well everybody had listened during their training and been able to put their theory into practice and display some excellent cycling skills. At the end of the day all 16 students had passed their level 2 Bikeability qualification.

Discovery Dance Leaders

Over the last 4 weeks the Year 11 Dance Leaders have been working with Kemball Special School and Kingsland Primary. They have been practicing the skills they have learnt over the duration of their dance course and they are helping prepare the children for Dance 2012.

Discovery Get Set for 2012

The Get Set network is a special community of schools and colleges which: Demonstrate a commitment to the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect) and the Paralympic Values (inspiration, determination, courage and equality). The Discovery Academy applied to be part of the Network and was successful in its application. The Academy can now work together with other schools in the Network sharing ideas and practices as well as being eligible to receive Olympic Tickets for some of the events.
Year 8 Stoke City Olympic Tour.
Thistley Hough High School has been lucky enough to team up with Stoke City FC to help to offer our students the opportunity to learn in a whole new way. Stoke City FC offered the year 8 students the unique opportunity to get involved in London 2012 by taking part in an Olympics Inspired visit to the Britannia Stadium. The trip consisted of a behind the scenes stadium experience, an Olympic values workshop and a 2012 inspired practical coaching session delivered by Stoke City’s county wide community programme. Students were given a country to represent during the day and each section of the day gave students the opportunity to score points for their country. Students began with an Olympic inspired workshop based around the core values of the Olympics; respect, equality, friendship, excellence, courage, determination, inspiration. Points were available in a question of sport style quiz for Olympic and sporting knowledge based around the Olympic values. Although some very interesting answers were given to some of the more historical questions the knowledge shown by Danielle Miller, Nathan Harley, and Anne-Marie Simcock was excellent.

Next students embarked on a behind the scenes tour of the Britannia Stadium, visiting the Stanley Matthews Museum, corporate boxes, journalist gantries, sitting in the home dugout before finishing up in the home dressing room. Following the tour we moved up to the Stoke City Academy Dome for some sporting activity. As we were on an Olympic themed day we took part in some indoor athletics events with students aiming to score more points for their teams. Throughout the events the coaches were very impressed with the ability and competitive spirit of the young people from Thistley Hough High School, with Danielle Marshall and Megan Blurton setting the longest jumps of the day with a massive 1.84 meters each. After the field events scores were very close and there was all to play for going into the final four relays. Once the points were added there was one clear winner, and each member of the winning team were awarded medals for their outstanding effort throughout the day.

Year 9 South Area Partnership Games
In the lead up to London 2012 the partnership games events give the opportunity for our young sports people the opportunity to try new sports and compete against other schools from across the South Partnership. 28 Thistley Hough High School students took part in activities including Volleyball, Kwik Cricket, Badminton and Handball. Students had the opportunity to receive coaching in each sport before competing against the other schools in each event, with the points from all events being added to give the overall winner. Thistley Hough High School managed to come fourth overall with special recognition given for outstanding effort and participating in the spirit of the Olympic values going to Louisa Vuibau, Zainab Baig, Emily Robertson & Alison Gardner.

The Partnership Promotes Handball
For the last few years the South Stoke SSP has run a Partnership Games for Y7, 8 and 9. The games give an opportunity for students who do not normally play for a team to represent their school. Thirty students (fifteen boys and fifteen girls) are invited to attend from eight secondary schools and they all take part in two activities. A range of activities are offered and usually a short coaching session is run prior to a competition. As the number of participants is high there is a great atmosphere and the students feel that they have been a part of a big event. A trophy is awarded for the winners of each activity. Certificates are also given to those participants who are nominated by the coaches for displaying one or more of the Olympic and Paralympic values. Where possible the Partnership introduces an activity that the students wouldn’t normally get the opportunity to get involved in – and this time handball was included in the programme. Liam McCarthy from the England Handball Association delivered the sessions and it was an excellent CPD opportunity for the staff accompanying the students. From the quotes below it is obvious that the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

“It was nice to try something new” and “I didn’t expect it to be as fun as it was – it was faster and more exciting and I would like to do it again”. The Partnership has since purchased a set of resources and equipment and will look to introduce handball in to the Partnership schools.
Trentham High School

SPORTS LEADERS IN ACTION

Trentham High School sports leaders have been involved in a number of leadership courses organized through the South Stoke Partnership. Students have attended nationally recognized courses for officials and young leaders in table tennis, badminton, tag rugby and trampolining. In both table tennis and badminton students have then given up their time to help officiate at level 2 competitions. In future, they will have the opportunity to officiate in level 3 competitions when the county finals of the table tennis and badminton take place after Christmas. The students doing trampolining and tag rugby will have the opportunity to help officiate and organize competitions in these two sports in the New Year and help out with the coaching of younger pupils.

TRENTHAM TRAMPOLINING SUCCESSES

Trampolining at Trentham is very popular with the students. Two after school classes run every Tuesday for both the High School and Primary feeder schools. Pupils are coached by Kate, a level 3 coach from Stoke Elite Trampoline Club, both clubs are extremely well attended. Recently, students have been practicing hard for the West Midlands Schools Regional Competition which was held in Birmingham. The Under 11 Girls Novice team won the competition with the Under 13 Girls Novice team coming third. There were a number of individual successes with four students qualifying to go through to the zonal championships which will be held in Shrewsbury in January. We wish them well. Trentham High School has a strong club link with Stoke Elite Trampoline Club which is based at Trentham. Students are encouraged to join the club which runs sessions for a variety of abilities and age groups.

GOLFIN GIRLS

Trentham Park Golf Club received some money from the County Golf Sportivate fund. Trentham was asked if they would like to provide some of their students for this activity. A group of girls have been going to the club every week after school and learning all about golf, the golfing terminology, the rules, the different clubs and what they are for and of course how to play.

The girls have been putting, chipping and driving with a good deal of success, they have surprised themselves and are thoroughly enjoying the sessions, they don’t want to come in and have been playing in the dark… fore! We are hoping that some have enjoyed it enough to want to continue and join the club.

Children at Priory Primary School and Ash Green Primary have also been getting to grips with playing golf. The tri-golf equipment provides an ideal introduction to the game as the children get almost immediate success. The brightly coloured putters and chippers get the children playing both the short and long aspects of the game. Hopefully the children will put their skills to good use in the Partnership golf competition later in the year at Moddershall Cricket Club.

BADMINTON SUCCESS AT TRENTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Trentham High School have done extremely well in both city and national competitions. The U14 boys and girls and U16 boys and girls have all been crowned City champions after winning their respective competitions. In the Center Parcs national competition, again all four teams progressed to the county competition at Fenton Manor in January. All teams got through to the finals, the U16 Boys and Girls narrowly losing with the U14 Boys and Girls winning their finals with a clean sweep of games won. They now go through to the Regional finals which take place in Birmingham in March. This has been a fantastic effort from all those concerned and we wish the U14 Boys and Girls teams the very best of luck in their forthcoming competitions. Well done!

Trampoline update. The hard work has all paid off with five students now going through to the National finals which take place in Bristol in March. This is a fantastic effort as the club has only been going for three years, we wish them well in the finals and hope they come back with even more medals!
FITZY FRENZY!

Fitzy has been very busy this term with the KS1 pupils from both Ash Green and Priory Primary schools. He appeared at both schools when they held their Fitzy Activity Days. All pupils took part in some Fitzy heptathlon activities, a Fitzy game and made a fruit smoothie using different and unusual fruits for Fitzy to taste. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the day.

Fitzy was in action again when all Year 2 pupils from Ash Green Primary School came to Trentham High School to take part in a Fitzy Festival. They had to complete twelve different activities related to running, jumping, throwing and striking. These were all run by Year 8 leaders from the High School. All worked extremely hard, Fitzy was so pleased that he gave them all a sticker and awarded special certificates to the winning team.

FRISBEE FUN

All Year 5 and 6 pupils at Ash Green and Priory Primary schools have had the opportunity to take part in a different activity, frisbee. Jane Yorke ran some intra competitions and then both schools came together at Trentham High School to take part in a Frisbee Festival. There were a lot of red faces at the end proving that all pupils had tried hard and had enjoyed the afternoon.

TRENTHAM PUPIL REWARDED

A Year 7 student at Trentham High School was rewarded for his enthusiasm, dedication and willingness at the Premier League 4 Sport Volleyball Club held at Trentham High. He was nominated by staff and chosen by Stoke City to be one of the mascots for the game against Dynamo Kiev. Chris had a fantastic time, he met some of the players, was shown around the ground and in the changing rooms, played a game inside the dome and was escorted out onto the pitch by one of the Dynamo Kiev players. He was even on TV! Chris also met Gordon Banks before the game and was able to have his picture taken with him. It just proves that hard work, dedication and enthusiasm do have their rewards. Thanks to Premier League 4 Sport and Stoke City for making this an evening that Chris will not forget.

Paddling Prodigy Powers to Pole Position

Talented canoeist Paul Sunderland and STARS squad member from Trentham High School has his sights firmly set on a place in the GB Junior kayak team after a string of fantastic achievements. Having attended the National Talent Orientation Camp at Loughborough University in December, the current J14 (Under 14 years) National Junior K1 champion represented the England team at the Pan Celtic Race Series 2011 and won the K1 Men’s J14 in all 3 races! He was the ‘Fastest J14 Man’ at the National Inter-clubs Championships 2011 and was awarded ‘Most Advanced Under 16 Canoeist 2011’, despite being only 14. His outstanding performances at senior level have earned him promotion to the Men’s K1 Premier Division (kayak), the first of only two J14 (under 14s) to be promoted in 2011, and he recently competed against Olympic hopefuls Campbell Walsh and Hue Swetnam. The Partnership would like to wish him luck in his quest to become J16 K1 National Junior Champion in his first year at Under 16.

International Success for Jack

Congratulations to Jack Buckley from Trentham High School (Year 8), another STARS squad member, who represented England’s U13 team at the Danish Junior Cup Badminton tournament in October.

Diary Date

Gymnastic CPD hosted at Priory Primary on March 22nd. Course tutor is Mike Weinstock who will be running an AfPE course covering core skills.
Stoke School Sport Partnerships

St Thomas Aquinas Excel at Sportshall Athletics

Sportshall athletics gives children an opportunity to show off their talents and keep fit. A few weeks before Christmas, St Thomas Aquinas entered the Stoke South schools Sportshall athletics competition. All of the children who represented St Thomas Aquinas took part in a wide range of Sportshall athletics that they had been practising over the past few weeks. The children won lots of their individual events and managed to win the competition overall and go forward to compete in the county finals.

On the 9th January St Thomas Aquinas Primary School took part in a Sportshall Athletics County Finals competition at Fenton Manor Leisure Centre. Each school that entered was trying to win the title ‘The Sportshall Athletics Champions 2012’. Everyone who represented the school put 110% into their events and tried their hardest. After all the events had been completed and no one else had anything left to do it was time to hear the results. Out of all 11 schools St Thomas Aquinas came 6th. The children were pleased with the results as they didn’t think that they would do that well because St Thomas Aquinas are a small school and they entered the big schools competition.

And Fitzy went too…..Not wanting Fitzy to feel left out the Y2 children from St Augustine’s took Fitzy with them when they went on the Olympic tour at Britannia Stadium. When no one was looking Fitzy even managed to get on to the pitch. If you have any photos of Fitzy at exciting venues please let us have a copy.

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Diary Date: The South Stoke Leadership Awards evening will take place at Britannia Stadium on June 27th

Chris Cannon, from the Wenlock Olympian Society, is going to deliver an Olympic workshop at the primary update meeting in February. The society have developed some fantastic free resources based on the life of William Penny Brookes and the history of the Much Wenlock Games - it will be a fascinating afternoon. To access the resources go to the Society website and look under Education.

The Sixth Form College answered a plea for help when they arranged for their dance students to go in to 8 Primary schools who were struggling to put their choreography together for Dance 2012. The response from the Primary schools has been very positive and they all have high praise for the students who have helped them in their hour of need. The students have provided a fresh approach and have established good relationships with the children. The students will also be taking part in Dance event. The Performing Arts Department are keen to get involved in future projects and will definitely be involved in Dance 2013.

Visit the Wenlock Olympian Society website for free educational resources for KS1 and KS2
Premier League 4 Sport

Olympic Tours
Stoke City FC are offering young people a unique opportunity to get involved in London 2012 by taking part in an Olympics Inspired visit to the Britannia Stadium. The trip will consist of a behind the scenes stadium experience, an Olympic values workshop and a 2012 inspired practical coaching session in one of the Olympic sports delivered by Stoke City’s county wide community programme. The cost of the session will be £3 per pupil for a morning session (9.30am-12.30pm), or £5 per child for the whole day (9.30-3.00pm). The tours can cater from anything from 20-60 pupils from year groups 3-13.
If you would like to book an Olympic Tour please contact Rich Adams on 07765240695, or richard.adams@stokecityfc.com.

Premier League 4 Sport
The Premier League 4 Sport scheme gives young people between the ages of 11 and 19 access to a wider variety of sporting opportunities that may not have been previously available to them. PL4Sport involves Premier League clubs acting as a hub which links community sports facilities, and in turn links to local secondary schools, creating satellite sports centres which provide young people with a gateway into the community sports network.
The programme offers opportunities in the Olympic sports of badminton, table tennis, volleyball and hockey and involves Stoke City Football Club working with sports clubs in North Staffordshire to provide coaching leadership and competitive opportunities. Since the programme began in 2009 it has provided over 5,000 young people the chance to take part in Olympic disciplines.
Currently in South Stoke there are volleyball, hockey and table tennis clubs at Trentham High School and badminton taking place at Sandon Business and Enterprise College. Recently key stage 3 and 4 boys and girls from Sandon competed in an inter satellite badminton competition involving Blythe Bridge, Sir Thomas Boughey and Ormiston Horizon Academy. The boys, who are regulars at satellite sessions at Sandon on a Monday night, were just pipped to victory by Sir Thomas Boughey who recently represented Stoke City in the National Badminton Finals at Milton Keynes.
For more information about Premier League 4 Sport, please contact programme coordinator Rich Adams on 01782 592179.

St Matthew’s CE(A) Primary School are gearing up for the Olympic Games and have produced an Olympic notice board. Each week seven children will be nominated by staff for displaying each of the Olympic and Paralympic values and their names will be displayed on the board. An Olympic Assembly was used to launch the scheme. Other schools have run Olympic themed competitions; Trentham High school are currently running a ‘What the Olympics means to me’ competition. Students have been asked to write a poem or piece of prose and the winners will either take part in the Olympic Torch event or the school visit to the Olympic Park.
Leadership Thriving at Birches Head

Birches Head Sports Leaders have been working very hard in the local primary schools providing several successful, sustainable clubs this term. Carmountside Primary School and Hamilton Infant School have greatly benefited, seeing an increase in the confidence of many of their pupils as a result of this. Year 9 leaders have shown great commitment running both a High 5’s Netball and Cricket Club for the students. These clubs where very popular with a massive turnout of 35 pupils each week. Emillie Corden, Rosie Harding and Hayleigh Rathbone have worked very hard and every deserve great credit. The year 10 leaders have also had great success in Hamilton Infant School running a Fizzy club, which has greatly increased the confidence of all the students who attended and helped to engage students who would not normally attend a sports club after school. These leaders also deserve great credit for their dedication and hard work; the leaders are Molly Adamson, Laura Jo Simcock, Lauren Dyche and Michaela Cobby.

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Reminder
Is your school signed up to yourschoolgames.com?

Inter house competition at Haywood

During the last week of each term pupils at Haywood Engineering College participate in a week’s worth of your games competitions. The Physical Education Department along with School Sport organising committee members run competitions. The events are related to the Olympics and the Olympic values.

During the week before Christmas students from year 7, 8, 9 and 10, took part in the Olympic sport of Handball. All students enjoyed the chance to play and learn the Olympic sport. A well done to all students and School Sport organising committee members that took part, over 800 students participated.

Get Set Olympic inspired Assemblies

Co-operative Academy is part of the Get Set 2012 initiative and is pledging to deliver Olympic assemblies to partner Primary schools and to inform and enthuse children about the forthcoming Olympics locally. In January, the first Get Set assembly was delivered at Summerbank Primary School by Lewis Brown, Charlotte Kelsall, Dale Willatt and Amy Pearce who are all Year 8 Co-operative Young Leaders.

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CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMY

MULTI SKILLS FESTIVALS

The Young Sports Leaders take control!

The year 7 & 9 leaders hosted their first festival at The Co-operative academy at Brownhills. It was a great success with four schools attending including, John Baskeyfield, Mill Hill, Summerbank Primary schools. The Sports leaders planned, delivered and scored all of the agility challenge event. The winning team were Mill Hill and Summerbank runners up. All participants went away with certificates and smiles! The Year 5 class at Mill Hill have also undertaken an Olympic Festival held at The Co-operative Academy at Brownhills as part of The Get Set 2012 programme where leaders have been delivering Olympic themed lessons for numeracy, literacy, geography and then Science/PE are delivered in the gym at The Academy.

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**HAYWOOD ENGINEERING COLLEGE UPDATE**

Well done to the Year 8 Football team on getting to the 3rd round of the English Schools. Thomas Wilshaw, Jake Firkins, Drew Miller, Josh Horsley, Edward Selman, Jordan Brookes, Ryan Machin, Bottom Right: Arjun Rathoor, Tan Hussain, Phil Jackson, Kaash Buttery, Jason Bithell, Akash Vigneswaren and Jaycee Roberts.

**Community Potteries and District Table Tennis Club**

The community club has established itself as an excellent extracurricular club, here at Haywood Engineering College. The club is open to Haywood pupils and other pupils in other surrounding high schools. The club allows pupils to improve their table tennis skills and to play within the u16’s Potteries and District league.

**STANLEY MATTHEWS FOUNDATION PENALTY SHOOT OUT YOUNGSTERS GIVING BACK TO SPORT AND CHARITY**

Hundreds youngsters from across Stoke-on-Trent were offered the chance to appear at Stoke City’s Britannia Stadium in exchange for donating £1 to the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation charity. Year 9 Frazer Booth managed to win the Year 9 penalty shoot out competition and will appear at the re-arranged final at the Arsenal home game in April.

Senior sports leaders did a great job in refereeing and scoring.

**PARTNERSHIP WORKS IN GIRLS FOOTBALL**

Stoke City FC, Staffordshire FA, Nike, Premier League, Stoke College and Holden Lane all joined forces this year to develop a pioneering programme of football coaching and competition for Year 3 & 4 girls in all Holden Lane cluster Primary schools. Each school has received continuous coaching at their own site and every term a festival of football runs at Holden Lane with officials being provided by Stoke College & Holden Lane’s newly qualified referees.

**Friday night’s 5-7pm**

**Local Leading & Volunteering dates for your Diary 2012**

- **North Stoke SSP Leadership Academy Presentation Evening** Tuesday 26th June Port Vale FC-6.30-8pm
- **The 10th Stoke TOP Link Festival** Wednesday 27th June Northwood Stadium-1-3pm
- **South Stoke SSP Leadership Academy Presentation Evening** Wednesday 27th June Stoke City FC-6.30-8pm
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST SWIMMER DUNCAN GOODHEW VISITS STOKE
The whole of Hillside Primary School along with pupils and staff from 12 other Stoke schools were treated to a visit from 1980 Moscow Olympian Duncan Goodhew who showed off his 100 metres Breaststroke gold medal. Duncan talked to a packed assembly in the school hall about the importance of working hard towards your dreams and goals and about bringing alive the Olympic values in sport, school and in life.

FITZY SKILLS FOR KEY STAGE 1
Fitzy Multi skills festivals for Key Stage 1 pupils are an important feature of the Holden Lane cluster of schools sporting calendar with no less than 5 events running this year. 20 Senior sports leaders have trained to deliver fun circuits of exercise which include stations such as crossing the river and the obstacle course.

NEW CHANGE4LIFE CLUBS
Three Holden Lane cluster Primary schools will shortly receive an equipment bag, resources and sports leader support to run an exciting new after school sports club for Years 3 & 4s with a real accent on health. Watch this space to see how the 3 schools get on.

SWIMMING GALA SUCCESS
The January cluster Swimming Gala saw all 8 Holden Lane cluster Primary schools competing and Councillor Debra Gratton and Stoke North MP Joan Walley were present to celebrate the completion of the re-furbishment of Holden Lane pool. Hillside won the girls event and Greenways the Boys races.

LEADING THE WAY
NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING
Year 10s top leaders Josh Billington, Shannon Staples & Beth Johnson along with former students Jordan Leach, Holly Teeece & Abigail Potts are all travelling to London in May to volunteer at the national Sainsbury’s School Games. Training first at the Excel Arena, they will spend Wednesday 9th May in the Olympic Park assisting in the running of the school equivalent of the Olympics.

Sainsbury's TOP Activity
National Recognition Award winner
Last October at the School Sport Conference, the Sainsbury's TOP Activity Recognition Award was presented to Holden Lane Sports College for engaging the highest number of parents through the Sainsbury's TOP Activity programme.
HILLSIDE SCHOOL GAMES DAY PILOT IS A FLYING SUCCESS!

Hillside Primary School in Baddeley Green was recently the host for a pilot running of an Olympic style School Games Day. Incorporating a grand and very colourful opening and closing ceremony, the day started with the Hillside Street Dance Crew show and then a carousel of activities including Cricket, Dance, Athletics, Football and Fitzy skills for Key Stage 1 pupils. Lunchtime started with a healthy meal in the classroom before watching Taekwondo and New Age Kurling demonstrations. This fantastically successful day was filmed to share with other Stoke schools and finished with an impromptu Dance display and awards of Olympic value certificates to the best boy and in each of the day’s activities.

COMPETITION FOR ALL

The long established Partnership Games for youngsters who don’t normally take part in after school sport and represent their school, takes place every term at Fenton Manor. North Stoke teams have competed well in the events which feature different activities such as martial arts, dance, hockey, cricket and golf.

PREMIER LEAGUE 4 SPORT

The Premier League 4 Sport programme continues to give Holden Lane youngsters high quality coaching and sporting opportunities. This year saw the introduction of Hockey to the national programme and Stoke City FCs striker Cameron Jerome was on hand at the Clayton Wood training ground to launch the project. Sessions led by Leek Hockey club national league player continue to run on Tuesdays at the astro pitch.

NORTH STOKE STARS SQUAD

Holden Lane national standard sports people continue to benefit from the STARS programme; meeting international athletes and raising their own profile.

Date for your Diary

Staffs/Stoke County School Games (Level 3)  
Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at Keele University

FOCUS ON SNEYD GREEN SPORT

Sneyd Green Primary School organised a week of activities with the theme of Health and Holden Lane sports leaders joined in by running of circuit of fun activities for Year 3&4s.

STOCKE

Stoke Up Stoke

School Sport Partnerships

Stephen Johnson, Dan Beeston and Lorna Greathatch meet Olympic rower Guin Batten
Fitzy Olympic update. This year Fitzy will be training and competing in a Heptathlon. All information will be available to Schools by March. The activities will be simple to do and differentiated equipment can be used to ensure that all children can take part in the event. A scoring system will be provided along with stickers and a certificate template. Olympic Gold medal winner Jason Gardener has provided a quote to help inspire the children “take part and have fun—use Fitzy's tips to help you get better”. Jason is also happy to feature in the story to help promote the concept of training.

Fitzy medals were presented to the Y2 Fitzy leaders at Crescent Academy in January after they had completed their Playground Leaders training. The children came up with some fantastic ideas for games and organised their games with the other children with ease. The children gained a lot of confidence and really improved their communication skills. The leaders are now active on the playground, working with reception and Y1 children.

Fitzy dates for your diary.
South and North Stoke Fitzy festivals at Fenton Manor on May 29th
Infant school Olympics at Northwood stadium on June 22nd

Kemball School were invited to try out the new football facility at Orminston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy by Mr G. Jones and Derek Yeomans. We have booked 2 dates to use the excellent football facility for our small group of enthusiastic footballers. Everybody came with kit and accessories for warmth to have a very good fun session. We even did a short game to round off the session.

Nigel Holloway Kemball School

Students from Kemball School also attended the Premier Sport event at Belgrave and St Bartholomew’s Academy where they got the opportunity to meet with Olympic medallist Duncan Goodhew. Duncan gave an inspirational assembly to KS2 children at the school and several other local schools were invited to bring along a small group of children. The children had obviously done their homework and had lots of questions to ask Duncan which he gladly took the time to answer. All the children had the opportunity to see and touch the Olympic Gold medal and many left with an autographed card from Duncan. Definitely a day to remember.

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