Welcome to the Summer Edition of Stoke up Sport! After an ‘interesting’ few months it seems the future of the Stoke School Sport Partnerships is secure. In the build up to London 2012 this is excellent news. Thanks to everyone who went out of their way to express support.

Nationally

Overall approximately 30% of the original core funding sent to the 450 School Sport Partnerships nationally has been retained for the next two school years (2011-2013).

The government has created a new major emphasis on increasing the number of young people taking part in sporting competitions in school and between schools. Leadership and Volunteering will continue to allow young people to support staff in competition delivery.

Additionally there will be an increased emphasis on linking physical activity and healthy eating.

Locally

Stoke-on-Trent will continue to operate two School Sport Partnership networks. There is a very strong desire to continue a network of cooperation and collaboration in school sport. Even in the context of competition for pupils between schools and new academies as school sport is seen as effective transition work particularly between Key Stage 2 & 3.

The new Stoke Olympic Charter sees, hopefully all schools signing up to the delivery of a no cost entitlement for all pupils as we build a lasting legacy of the Olympic Games in Stoke-on-Trent. Bespoke packages of sporting services provide additionality to the Stoke Olympic Charter with clear outcomes for young people in the next school year.

At the time of writing it is unclear whether all schools will be involved and in what capacity following significant budget constraints, educational uncertainty and school mergers. One thing is certain however, that the Stoke SSPs will continue to work tirelessly to encourage all young people in Stoke to get engaged in Sport and hopefully become Olympians of the future.

Nick Smith (South PDM) and Nigel Edwards (North PDM)

Phoenix from the Ashes!

School Sport Partnership network overview

Sneyd Green Primary School

Year 3/4 at Sneyd Green Primary had the topic of Keeping Healthy. As part of this, one of the questions they wanted answering was ‘Would Sir Stanley Matthews have been fitter than Ryan Shotton. To answer this, Sir Stan’s daughter Jean Gough came to the school and discussed his training routines and how these compared to todays. The conclusion they came to was that Sir Stan would have been fitter!

Olympics and Paralympics Preperation

Stoke schools’ preparation for the Olympics and Paralympics was given a 12 month head start as national sponsors Lloyds TSB nominated Sandon archer and Olympic hopeful Rebecca Martin to be their Ambassador and organised for the newly designed Olympic torch to visit Hanley Town Centre in June. Packmoor Primary School who are renowned for their enthusiasm and competitive spirit in sport felt they couldn’t miss out on this opportunity and managed to get 12 pupils, staff and their Martial coach down to Hanley to join in the excitement of the build up to the greatest show on earth!
Leadership at Stoke-on-Trent College

Challenge South Africa

In February 2011, 22 students from Stoke-on-Trent College traveled to Cape Town, South Africa for the trip of a lifetime. The Equality and Diversity Project aims to expose learners to the different culture and history of South Africa. Along with visits to major educational and tourist attractions (Robben Island, Table Mountain, District Six Museum etc), the group spent a large amount of time interacting within the local deprived communities. Additionally, with the financial support of the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation, the group delivered free Sports Coaching sessions in Playground Activities, Football, Netball, Rugby and Cricket to Parkwood Primary School and Talfalah Primary School - in excess of 200 children! Parkwood were then donated the Sports Equipment and Talfalah received over 100 pairs of sports pumps following Stoke-on-Trent College’s ‘Be My Sole Mate’ fundraiser that took place prior to the trip.

Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation Sports Coaching

A group of 35 BTEC Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science students throughout the year have delivered free Sports Coaching sessions to 14 City Primary Schools. They have represented both Stoke-on-Trent College and the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation with great professionalism and maturity. The quality of their delivery has been second to none!

Disability Awareness Day as part of Equality and Diversity Week

Congratulations to Jacob Toft and Jordan Rice who successfully lead Wheelchair Basketball and Visual Impairment football workshops during ‘Disability Awareness Day’ at Stoke-on-Trent College. The workshops allowed staff, students and exhibitors to gain first-hand experience of these sports.

South Stoke SSP Leadership Academy

Throughout the year 70 Sports Ambassadors from South Stoke Schools have taken part in training events at both Stoke-on-Trent College and Northwood Stadium. The Ambassadors took part in specific coaching with the aim of equipping them with the skills to support PE staff in the delivery and officiating of Top Activity, Fitzy, Athletics, Rugby, Tri-Golf and Cricket. The Ambassadors have worked individually with the Leadership Academy Manager to set individual and group targets along with action plans.

Coalfields Regeneration 2012 Team

A group of 10 Sports Students from Stoke-on-Trent College have embarked on First Aid and Leadership Training with the financial support of the Coalfields Regeneration Project. The group have arranged their own training sessions, and planned and delivered competitions in Hockey and Tug-of-War. For their hard work they are being rewarded with a visit to Manchester Velodrome. The group aim to continue to work together to provide further sporting opportunities for the local area in the build-up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Stoke SSP Competition Volunteers

Throughout the year over 50 Sports Leaders from Stoke-on-Trent College have volunteered their services to support the Stoke SSP Competitions Manager. They have willingly helped in the officiating and administration in a wide range of School Sports Competitions. In doing so they have developed their own teamwork, leadership and communication skills as well as providing sporting opportunities for children across the city.

College Games – Burton and South Derbyshire College

Stoke-on-Trent College entered teams (32 learners) in ‘The College Games’ Competition that was organised by Burton and South Derbyshire College through the School Sport Partnership. The teams took part in Men’s Football, Women’s Football, Mixed Tag Rugby, Women’s Netball, Men’s Basketball and Endurance Rowing. Overall the team came second following wins in both Men’s and Women’s football competitions and the rowing. Congratulations to all who took part!
Year 7 Partnership Games

Pupils in year 7 were given the opportunity to attend the annual Partnership Games event organised by Stoke Competition Manager, Richard Adams. Pupils took part in 4 different sporting activities held at Fenton Manor. The activities were: Dodgeball, Martial Arts, Volleyball, and Rugby. All pupils that attended gained certificates and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Year 7 Inter Form Dodgeball Competition

Pupils were more than happy to take part in the year 7 Dodgeball. It was a chance for year 7 to try a new activity as well preparing them for their up and coming Partnership Games competition. They embraced this and listened to the new rules. Participation was brilliant as were the attitudes of all the students. Well done to all who took part.

Premier League 4 Sport Judo

Taster sessions have been held at Berry Hill High School for all of year 7 and 8 to experience an alternative sport within the curriculum. Their effort and level of skill which they have developed over a short space of time shows their determination and willingness to learn and try something new.

Year 1 & 2 Fitzy Festival 15th March 2011

A Fitzy fox festival took place at Berry Hill High School in March. Children from Eaton Park and Waterside Primary schools took part with the help of the Berry Hill sports leaders. Children and staff did lots of running, jumping, bouncing and balancing and worked very hard. A fantastic afternoon was had by all!

Bikeability at Berry Hill High School

Berry Hill High School, is avidly promoting a new cycling culture. In light of the new school merger with St. Peter’s High School and subsequent new Academy, which will be located on the old Sixth Form College site, it was considered essential that pupils, coming from Berry Hill High, should be empowered to become more self reliant and positively encouraged to cycle to the new site from September 2013. So by equipping our year 7s with a bike, helmet and road safety training, it is hoped that pupils and parents will embrace this fun and hearty initiative in preparation for the future. As well as highlighting the healthy aspects of cycling on a personal level, pupils will be alerted to the positive contribution they will be making to the ecosystem.

There were a range of activities planned to promote:

Bike Ability Theme Week:

• All Key Stage 3 Subject areas taught a lesson associated with cycling.
• A new purpose built bike shelter was officially opened
• Year 7 pupils experienced the “Extreme Mountain Bike Stunt Road show.”
• All year 7 pupils undertook basic training in Bike Maintenance, led by the Eze Rider Team
• All year 7 pupils participated in a Cycling Proficiency programme
• Year 7 pupils undertook a 2 hour managed cycle trip led by Cyclist Training Ltd and some teaching staff.

The pupils had tremendous fun, as well as gaining the essential skills that are needed to ride their bikes safely.

Birches Head Cluster

Birches Head students and staff fund raising run up the Mow Cop Killer Mile

Year 9 students recently participated in the Killer Mile event held at Mow Cop. This is a very tough event and it takes great courage and dedication to finish the course. The students were supported by Mr Walklate, Mr Walker and Mr Bloor who also took part in the event. The year 9 students organised the activity to raise money for a new football kit and equipment. Every member of the group completed the run with a big smile on their face. Birches Head PE staff are very proud of the students and what they achieved on the night. Well done boys your effort and commitment is top class!

Groove Junior

At Grove Junior School we have really shown how competitive our students are recently in a keenly contested Intra-school Kwik cricket tournament between classes in Year 4. The children showed great sportsmanship and ample encouragement towards each other during the competition. Year 4 clearly enjoyed the competitive side as well as the taking part.

Nikita Egan, PLT
In March Hollywall, Summerbank and John Baskeyfield Primary schools all attended a Year 5 Agility festival that was organised and delivered by a team of Yr 11 BTEC students with assistance from Key Stage 3 Young Leaders.

The festival was attended by pupils from partner primaries. BIKEABILITY

As part of the Every Child Matters day at The Co-operative Academy at Brownhills, 10 students had the opportunity to undertake their Level 2 Bikeability training. The students had a great day and due to their excellent behaviour they had the opportunity to use the afternoon to ride on the Cycle paths around Burslem and the instructors took the cyclists out to Hanley Forest Park.

Change 4 Life

Change for Life Clubs have been very well attended at The Co-operative Academy at Brownhills. Teano Cato the Table Tennis Coach has held half termly competitions with prizes for the students. The last prizes were awarded to Darren Ford, Colm Walsh and Patrik Wesol. At February half term prizes were awarded to Bilal Ilyias and Patrik Wesol. The club is going from strength to strength and students really enjoy participating and trying out the new coaching games that Teano creates. Mr Ahmed has seen a vast improvement in skill levels and students are well engaged in the club. Pictured below Teano Cato, coach and his prize winners for Spring Term 2011.

Leadership Academy at Brownhills

Sports leaders from The Co-operative Academy at Brownhills have spent the past two terms delivering KS1 and KS2 PE lessons at John Baskeyfield Primary School, Hollywall Primary School and Packmoor Primary School. At the end of the 6 weeks blocks leaders have organised a festival for pupils. Leaders have been working across both Key stages 1 and 2. Pictures show leaders in Packmoor, Hollywall and John Baskeyfield schools.

Tunstall School Sports Association

In March St Josephs RC Primary School hosted the Boys Football tournament. The tournament was organised by Mrs Garrity and Sports Leaders from The Co-operative Academy at Brownhills and from James Brindley Science College. It was great to see sports leaders from different schools working so well together. Leaders officiated the games, assisted with timekeeping and scoring and led the children in warm up activities and then presented certificates at the end of the tournament. The boys tournament was won by Packmoor with Mill Hill primary school in second place. The Girls Tournament that was held a week later and was won by St Josephs RC Primary School. School teams that competed in the tournaments included: Whitfield Valley, St Josephs, Packmoor, St Wilfrid’s, Hollywall, Goldenhill, Burnwood and Mill Hill primary schools.

TSSA X Country

After Christmas there were three more cross country races and the Tunstall Town team was selected. The Tunstall town team were represented at the Inte Town cross country competition at Thistley Hough High School. The town team ran well achieving 3rd overall. Well done to all members of the team, Casey Maddocks and Harry Winterton finishing in the top ten, 4th and 9th respectively.

SPORTS LEADERS RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL TOP ACTIVITY CLUBS

Picture shows : Leaders in action at Hollywall Primary School leading a Top activity after school club. Clubs were also set up and organised at John Baskeyfield Primary school. Leaders clubs were well attended and had at least 10 children per week.
Year 7/8 Girl’s Football

These girls have been a huge success this year winning the year 9 Futsal competition at Fenton Manor and coming runners up in many other five a side competitions. They have recently taken part in a five a side competition organised by Stoke City FC, where a number of our players have been scouted and asked to go for trials with the Premiership club. Well done year 11.

Top left: Rebecca Johnson, Tia Lander, Rebecca Murray, Beth Proctor, Mr Adlington
Bottom Left: Katie James, Tiffany Johnson, Lucy Griffin, Olivia Mountford, Rebecca Johnson.

Jackfield’s Infant School

Jackfield’s have become involved in helping students from Haywood Engineering College complete their SLUK Coaching courses as part of their PE lessons. Toddlers from Jackfields completed a 6 week programme where Year 11 girls delivered a Dance Scheme of Work based around animals! The energetic students then performed their Dance to the rest of the school in front of the proud leaders. In addition, the same group are now bidding to become experts in Hockey, as Y11 boys from Haywood are building on their skills and knowledge of Hockey. Keep up the good work to all involved. Cricket practise has also started at Jackfields on a Thursday evening. Emily Simpson, Aisha Ali and Rebecca Chawner are delivering sessions to eager students! Anybody interested needs to come along on a Thursday!

JSLA - Y11 Leaders (Smallthorne Primary)

Year 11 Junior Sports Leaders have been taking sessions at Smallthorne Primary with years 5 and 6 pupils. They have been learning a wide range of leadership skills throughout the academic year and are now putting them into practice, well done year 11.

Nick Bebbington

Former National League Basketball player Nick Bebbington, an Art teacher at Haywood Engineering College took up the sport of Triathlon 2 years ago after a five year break from training and competitive sport. Through joining Newcastle Triathlon Club Nick has enjoyed some success early on and has recently been selected for the Great Britain Age Group Triathlon Team off the back of a qualification race from last year. He will compete next month for Great Britain in Pontevedra, Spain at the ETU European Championships.

Mill Hill Primary School

Students from Haywood Engineering College have been actively involved in inspiring pupils to take part in sport at Mill Hill by providing Dance and Football sessions to groups of students. Rebecca Clews, Indie Edwards and Harriet Ford have completed a 7 week Dance workshop where students learnt new Dance skills and movements that was choreographed by the girls themselves. 15 students will now perform their Dance to the rest of the school during a school assembly under the watchful eyes of the Leaders. Adam Rose, Chris Nellis, Harry Tomkinson and Aaron Turnock have worked alongside a Tesco FA Skills coach and delivered a 10 week football programme to students also from Mill Hill. The Leaders commented on the good behaviour of students at Mill Hill and were impressed by the talent on show. Students from Mill Hill benefitted from the coaching and clearly enjoyed the help and support off the leaders. Well done to all involved.

Mill Hill Jump For Joy on National Skipping Day

In April children at Mill Hill Primary School took part in National Skipping Day. Throughout the day every child from Nursery to Year 6 spent 15 minutes doing skipping related activities. It was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed trying new activities as well as understanding the health benefits of daily physical activity. Pupils are currently gearing themselves up ready for National School Sport Week, where skipping for a length of time may be something that they choose as their personal goal.

Tristan Austin, PLT

Moorpark Football and Party in the Park

Students from Year 5 and 6 have recently taken part in a football match held at Haywood Engineering College. Students were eager to game some games in after practising their skills on a Wednesday night where leaders from Haywood take football sessions. The club has been extremely successful with over 20 students taking part. Keep up the good work boys!

Students from Moorpark are getting excited about the Party in the Park event that is coming up on Friday 1st July 2011. Students will take part in a variety of sports organised by leaders at Haywood Engineering College. Planning for the activities is already underway and the school are determined to make this year’s event bigger and more successful that any other year!!!
Holden Lane Cluster

Greenways Netball Achievements
First of all we entered the Holden Lane cluster netball competition at Birches Head High School and we came 1st by winning all of the matches and scored 18 goals in total. This meant that we were through to the North Stoke competition.

At the North Stoke competition we came 1st in our section and then 3rd overall; therefore we were through to the city finals!

The city finals were held at Fenton Manor, we came 3rd in our section, however our school were one of the two top North Stoke schools; which meant we had made it through to the county finals, where we faced some difficult teams but we tried our best and we succeeded in getting 3rd place in our section.

We are really proud of our achievements and as team captain I would like to thank Miss Fletcher for her hard work coaching us and my team mates, Gabriella Atkine, Holly Pitchford, Sadie Jones, Isabella Kerr, Max Worr and Sam Plant.

By Indea Wood - Team Captain

Holden Lane Primary Fitzy Fox Club
Fitzy is the most popular club at Holden Lane Primary School and has 40 members ranging from the ages of 4 to 8 years.

The health focus club promotes good lifestyle choices and the importance of exercise. The members enjoy playing games and will often model these during playtime and lunchtime.

To promote fun exercise we have KS2 children who support our lunchtime in initiating and playing games taught and used during Fitzy Fox Club. The enthusiastic leaders have had training on how to be a good playground leader.

During the 1 Hour session the children are taught how to play safely, have access to cooking equipment and have lessons on making healthy choices and experience new food.

When we asked the children how they felt about the Fitzy Fox Club they said 'We love Fitzy!'

DREAMS AND TEAMS VISIT TO JAMHURI HIGH SCHOOL
In February half term 8 of Holden Lane’s senior sports leaders visited our partner school in Nairobi, Kenya. This year was the 5th time Holden Lane students have made the exchange, with sports leadership, cultural awareness and global citizenship being the key focus of the trip. The students had an amazing time once again, relishing the opportunity to organise sports sessions and festivals for primary school children in the Nairobi suburbs. In addition to organising sporting events the students were able to sample a wide range of traditional African experiences, including visits to Curio Markets, a traditional African Dance show, and a safari excursion to the world famous Maasai Mara.

A life changing experience for all those involved, and well done for all your hard work before and during the visit.

Picture are the sports leaders before one of their leadership sessions.

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK PLANS AT HOLDEN LANE
This year promises to be the biggest and best Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week to date at Holden Lane. The list of events is extensive, although some of the highlights will include:

- The Annual Holden Lane Dance Show ‘One Night Only’ taking place at The Stoke Rep on Tuesday 28th June.
- A visit from Craig Heap (former Olympic Gymnast) to inspire and motivate Year 7 students and pupils at selected cluster primary schools.
- An Olympic Torch Relay where our best athletes will be completing an 11 mile run visiting all of our primary schools with our very own ‘Olympic Torch’.
- Sports Day – last year’s event was a huge success and this year it promises to be even better.

More details regarding National School Sports Week are on the Holden Lane school website.

DOUBLE ACT!!
Sisters from New Ford Primary School, have been highly successful this year, as two of Holden Lane’s senior sports leaders.

Jessie Donegen, who is only in year 4, placed in the top ten at every Burslem Town Cross Country event. This led her to be chosen to represent the Town at the ‘Cross Country’ competition held in Liverpool. Jessie became the European Champion for Line Dancing when she won the European ‘Masters in Line’ competition held in Liverpool. A fantastic achievement – well done Ashlie!

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STOKE CITY FC PL4S BADMINTON AT JAMES BRINDLEY

Badminton players from the Stoke City FC Premier League 4 Sport satellite club that is held at James Brindley attended the tournament for all satellite clubs in North Staffordshire in February at Sandon Business College. The 14 players had a great evening and really enjoyed the competition. The Stoke City badminton coach Erika Whittingham has now offered badminton coaching to the local feeder primary schools. We are hosting a badminton primary tournament and our next Inter college sports day will be a badminton competition day between colleges. As part of the PL4S club, the players had the opportunity to attend the Yonex International at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham in March. The badminton players had a great day and really enjoyed watching top level games between international stars.

Playground 2 Podium

Both Ben and Jordan took part in two different P2P events. All events had a huge amount of activities on offer for them to partake in. Events included: wheelchair basketball, bowling, athletics, table tennis and many more. Both Ben and Jordan enjoyed both days and are now attending extra curricular clubs due to their involvement at P2P. Well done boys.

JAMES BRINDLEY

Yr 10 BTEC Sports Leaders At James Brindley Science College have been delivering Top activity and competitive activities to Yr3 and Yr4 students at Packmoor Primary School. The leaders go in every two weeks and plan and prepare sessions for the pupils who are loving being taught by the older children.

TOP ACTIVITY CLUB AT MIDDLEHURST

James Brindley Sports Leaders are leading an after school club every Thursday evening at Middlehurst Special School.

The club is well attended and leaders teach TOP Activity games and team games.

The club is run by Rachel Francis, Melissa Tellwright, James Lucas and Thomas Procter.

ADVERTISEMET:
Abbey Hulton

Key Stage 2 pupils at Abbey Hulton Primary School took part in a skipping competition. Every pupil in all 4 classes completed the challenge over the term and then the results were calculated. Pupils had to complete 7 different skips for 30 seconds each. The more skips they did in 30 seconds, the more points they got. Some of the skips included backwards skips, boxer skips and paired skips, as well as a long rope event. All events were superbly run by Sports Leaders from Year 5 at Abbey Hulton and Year 7 at Mitchell High School. The best 6 pupils from each year group then represented the school at the city wide skipping competitions.

Dance ‘11

Mitchell High School and Abbey Hulton Primary both performed at Dance ‘11 at the Victoria Theatre. The theme this year was dance from different countries and both schools performed amazing pieces in front of a capacity audience. Mitchell High Dance Team was put together by the arts department (Miss Regnauld and Miss Parker) they were a massive part in the organisation of the performance before and on the night.

Ormiston Sir St Matthew’s Cluster

OSSMA Leaders

OSSMA Leaders, both Years 9 and 10 have been involved in a number of activities so far this year.

February saw them assisting most ably with Stoke College students at a mass Fitzy Festival at Fenton Manor for Year 2 pupils.

March was a time to “blood” the new Year 9 Leaders by taking them to Top Link Training day at Stafford College where they had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills across a range of activities with pupils from other schools and under the guidance of some Senior Leaders from the college.

March again, and this time Year 10 Leaders attended a Day’s activities delivered through the “Matalan” programme. The purpose of the day was to experience those sports not normally covered on the PE timetable like Parkour, Tchoukball, Ultimate Frisbee and Jump Rope plus many more and to develop in their own schools opportunities for others to enjoy those sports into lunchtime and after-school activities.

April and the lovely weather saw the launch of the “Fitzy” playground markings and the celebration of the Royal Wedding. The whole of Key Stage 2 were involved in Fitzy activities at some stage during the afternoon and the responsibility of leading them was down to a mix of Year 7 and Year 10 Leaders. They certainly earned their drink of lemonade at the end!

D. Yeomans, SSCO

Sports Ambassadors

The Sports Ambassadors Programme has grown this year with 4 new ambassadors from year 9 working with the current year 11 Sports Ambassadors.

As part of the School Sports Ambassadors Programme these pupils have attended training courses at Stafford Sports College and Stoke on Trent College. Where they learnt various new skills and prepared them for their new roles within the school.

These 8 pupils will now be role models for the rest of the school and for the cluster Primary schools. They have been working with the Primary school pupils helping run festivals for KS 1 & 2 over the last few months. They will be setting up an Olympic day to promote the 2012 Olympics to primary students in June.

Bikeability

This year over 30 pupils took part in Bikeability which is run by the sports partnership to help make younger cyclists safer on the roads, the day was a real success and the pupils had a great experience.

Partnership Games

Throughout the year we have participated in the partnership games at Fenton Manor where 30 pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 get to represent the school in sports they may not have played before. These events are to give pupils a chance to represent the school in a inter school tournament. The events are a great way to increase pupil’s participation in sport.
Belgrave St Bartholomew’s Academy - Cheerleading Camp and Competition

A group of children from Belgrave St Bartholomew’s Academy attended a Cheerleading Camp during their Easter Holidays with cheerleading coach Jenni West. During the week, the children focused on skill development; working on stunts, tumbles, dance, transitions, formations and motions. The children used all these new skills to create a routine for the Cheerleading competition at Fenton Manor on 27th April. The girls came 5th overall and they were highly praised for their confident, enthusiastic and energetic performance! Well Done Belgrave!

In the photograph: Emily Tabinor, Elizabeth Jepson, Hannah Hughes, Shannon Brown, Kayleigh Buckley, Steph Mitlin, Beth Madeley, Amy Woodcock, Megan Woodcock, Jessica Woodcock and Ellie Oldam.

Helen Freeman

Sandon Business and Enterprise College promote the Olympic Values

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Trampolining inspires more girls to participate at Sandon Business and Enterprise College

A successful Awards for All bid meant that two new trampolines were bought by the PE department and a new activity was added to the PE curriculum. Due to demand a Trampoline club is run after school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (open to all students). Students have really improved and the girls’ team who entered the City Trampoline competition won the novice category. They went on to come third in the Regional competition. Interested students will be able to take a young leaders Trampoline award which will be run later on. The bid has also paid for coaching sessions run by Lani Dacey. Lani competes at National level and is a Level 2 coach and she will be coaching every Wednesday for the rest of this year.

Sandon Business and Enterprise College promote the Olympic Values

Sandon Business and Enterprise College are getting on their marks ready to celebrate the Olympic year. An Olympic mural has been painted on the main first floor corridor depicting the Olympic rings, an Olympic torch and a gold medal. All seven Olympic values namely excellence, equality, friendship, respect, courage, inspiration and determination are also included on the mural. Several Olympic themed activities are planned and the names of the students who display each of the values will be posted on the wall. Currently all Y8 students are involved in thinking of ways to promote the values in school during their skills4success lessons.

Y2 Fitzy Festival at Sandon Business and Enterprise College

In February Sandon hosted a Y2 Fitzy Festival for children from Sandon Primary, Alexandra Infants’ School, St Matthew’s CE (A) Primary and Belgrave CE Primary school. Nearly 100 children were involved in the event, which was successfully organised by Y10 BTEC students from the school. Fitzy came in to say hello and to see what the children were doing and all children received a Fitzy medal. For most of the children it is their first time in a large sports hall and some of the equipment is new to them too; they thoroughly enjoy the experience. A Y1 festival will be held on June 7th.
SMW hosts course for budding young referees

Students from St Margaret Ward & Holden Lane took part in an F.A. “Mini Whistlers” football officiating course. We were fortunate to have Peter Heatfield delivering the course who is head of referee development for the county.

The course is intended for students 11-14 years old and is hopefully the first of many steps on the refereeing ladder. Students learned about respect, positioning and how to apply the laws of the game.

“This was a valuable experience for all the children-boys and girls! It gave them an insight into the role of the referee and how hard it is to make on the spot decisions. It was rewarding to see some of the less confident students’ self esteem grow” said Mr Pearson (SSCO).

“The mini-whistlers course was a brilliant experience because it taught us about fair play and football from a referee’s perspective. We would strongly recommend this course to other students. Jack Shuffl ebotham both with St Luke’s winning the Gala overall. The event took place on the 6th April at Fenton Manor.

Burslem Town Swimming Gala

Six schools from the Burslem Town Sports Association took part in the Burslem Town Swimming Gala this year, these were St Luke’s, St Anne’s, St Mary’s, Ball Green, Greenways and Endon Hall. It was a fantastic event where the children from the Burslem schools had a great time and lots of fun competing. Many children will now go on to represent the town in the city gala. Well done to all the schools and children that took part with St Luke’s winning the Gala overall.

F.A Junior Football Organiser Award

Pictured here are 20 Year 9 & 10 students who completed the FA’s Junior Football Organiser Award over the Easter holiday. Students learned about delivering a warm up, planning a festival & the various parts of a coaching session. Well done boys for passing the first part of the course with flying colours!

Bikeability

Pictured above are Year 7 students completing their Bikeability Training.

Bikeability is cycling proficiency training for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation of students the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today’s roads.

 Hopefully after successful completion of the course, even more students will be cycling to school. Well done Year 7 for your immaculate behaviour throughout the day!

Mr Pearson

Active Kids Parent Power Session at Goldenhill St Joseph’s

Pictured below are Parents from Goldenhill St Joseph’s after receiving training from SMW Sports leaders. The leaders showed parents different activities which they can do with their children. Overall the evening was a real success and the students received some positive feedback about their delivery. Hopefully a club will now be set up at the School with the help of Primary Link Teacher Mrs Grange.

Street Dance with Ron Case at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School

The children at St Mary’s have had the fantastic opportunity to experience Street Dance with top coach Ron Case. Each class has been able to spend a term learning a very modern style of street dance and then performing what they have learned to their parents. The children thoroughly enjoy the session because of the very experienced and talented tuition from Ron and many go on to attend the popular after school club he leads. From this experience the children also get the chance to perform their new found skills in assemblies and on other occasions.

Virtual Competitions

As mentioned in the last edition schools in St Margaret Ward Cluster have been participating in an exciting range of Virtual Intra & Inter competitions. The latest competition “Treasure Chest” resulted in a dead heat between two teams from the same School! Well done to Hoy Banana & Ohurugu Blueberries from Goldenhill St Joseph’s.

The next event is “Round the World” and hopefully results will be published in the next edition of this newsletter.

Y7 LEADERS COMPLETE REFEREES COURSE

Five Year 7 Sports leaders have made the first steps to becoming the next Sian Massey, by completing the ‘Mini Whistlers’ Football Refereeing course. Charley Mancell, Keeley Woolridge, Megan Cartwright, Kyra Henry and Yasmine Hiney attended the course, run by Staffs FA, alongside fellow young leaders from St Margaret Ward RC High School. The qualification enables the girls to officiate primary school and Year 7 football matches. Well Done girls. Below are the girls with St Margaret Ward Sports Leaders, and Peter Heatfield from Staffs FA.
It has been another busy term for the children at Hanley St Lukes. The children have taken part in lots of different activities including, Netball, Football and Athletics competitions. The after school clubs continue to be a success with a variety of sports that the children are able to experience.

Here are just a few examples:

**Cheerleading**

Children from Key Stage Two have been attending a Cheerleading afterschool club which has been run by Mrs. Montifroy and students from St Peters High School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities taking part in exercises like warm ups, balances and dance patterns. The children were delighted to show the work that they had been doing to an assembly for the whole school!

**Multi Skills**

Children in Key Stage One have been given the opportunity to take part in a fun after school club. They have been taking part in lots of activities such as throwing and catching, races and football. This is the first time that some of these children have taken part in an after school club before!

**Stoke City Football Club**

Having enjoyed fantastic links with SCFC for many years, we were pleased to provide yet another block of after school training. This time for children in Year 3, 4 and 5. There were over 30 children taking part and the club was very successful.

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**Parents in to skip!!!**

On Wednesday 18th May the Key Stage 1 children at The Willows Primary School invited their parents and family members to our before school skipping club. The children used this opportunity to show their parents what they have learnt and to teach them some new skipping moves. There were lots of parents getting involved, giving fantastic feedback and ensuring it was a huge success!! Well done to the parents and children.

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**Level 1 Sports Leadership**

Ten students from Year 11 have completed their Level 1 in Sports Leadership. Throughout the course the leaders have run intra-school competitions within four cluster Primary schools during the last two academic years. They also supported National School Sports Week last year and many will be leading activities again this year. Many of the group have also delivered extra-curricular clubs for Year 7 students at St Peter’s, a cheerleading club at Hanley St Luke’s and presented a whole school assembly on the Olympics. A big congratulations to the following leaders: Richard Furnival, Anthony Booth, Lewis Gordon, Keilan Gwynne, Dan Shaw, Sio Man Leong, John Holbrook, Paisley Wilding, Megan Oakley and Dan Sproston.

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**Fitzy Club a huge success!!**

We have recently launched Fitzy at The Willows Primary School and the children have been really enthusiastic! They love taking Fitzy home and writing in his diary and playing with his sports bag. They also enjoy taking him to their PE lessons in school and bringing him along to our Fitzy club on a Thursday after school. The children are all working really hard and the enthusiasm is catching!!
St Augustine’s Catholic Primary
Dance 11

On 23rd March children from Year 5 took part in the School Sport Partnership’s annual dance festival at The Victoria Hall. After an exciting rehearsal first thing in the morning, where the children were able to practice their dance on the stage, all agreed it was going to be an incredible experience and the evening show did not disappoint! As the second act on stage, the children were able to sit back and enjoy the show, watching a variety of local schools perform to music from a variety of countries and cultures. Our Cha-cha, danced to Rihanna’s Only Girl In The World, choreographed by Lynda Brammer, wowed parents, friends and governors of the school, and we are all excited about the thought of participating in next year’s show.

St Gregory’s Catholic Primary School

Stoke city penalty shoot out with Pottermus and the whole school.

St Gregory’s

As part of their topic ‘Where in the world is Gregory Bear’ Year 2 children had been learning about the Indian culture. They took part in food tasting, dancing and art and craft activities. They chose to focus their dance performance for the festival on Indian dance. They invited a year 6 student who is a specialist trained Indian dancer to take part in the performance with them. The topic and dance project was enjoyable for all and much fun was had on the night.

Thanks, Jo Hill

Year 9 Partnership Games

In early October, 30 Year 9 students from St Thomas More College took part in the Partnership Games at Fenton Manor. They took part in 4 activities. They were volleyball, athletics, rowing and dodgeball. There were some fine individual performances, together with some fine team successes.

In the sports hall athletics competition, both the girls and boys team came second.

The girls were successful in the rowing competition gaining first place beating the boys team into second place.

Again, the girls won both their volleyball matches making them competition winners, followed closely by the boys team in second place.

And finally, both the girls and boys won one of their dodgeball matches, bringing them into second place.

Overall, St Thomas More College came in second place narrowly beaten by Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthew’s Academy.

Leadership Academy

Four Year 9 students from St Thomas More College took part in the Leadership Academy Induction Day at Stoke on Trent College. The focus of the day involved how to run a competition, engaging young people in sport, developing KS1 activities and logging on to the Step into Sport Programme. The day was very enjoyable and successful. The students will be assisting with competitions and festivals throughout the year.

ADI-STARS

Two of St Thomas More Year 10 Btec PE students have been enrolled onto the Adi-Stars Programme. This is a new initiative for the Sports Leaders to represent the South Schools Sport Partnership to encourage young people to develop their full sporting potential in a number of roles. Their role is to provide opportunities for youngsters to take part in as many sporting activities, gearing up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. They want to try to instil in the student body the values of these games—friendship, respect and excellence, together with courage, determination, inspiration and equality.

St Paul’s make it to the County Tag Rugby Final 2011!

On Saturday 21st May 2011 St Paul’s travelled to Lichfield Rugby Club to compete with the best schools from all over Staffordshire in Tag Rugby. A team of year 5 and 6 students travelled down to Lichfield to compete against other school in their pool. All teachers were incredibly proud of them as they showed great sportsmanship and commitment to do their best. We look forward to competing again in 2012!
U13 Staffordshire Indoor Athletics Competition
(12th Jan 2011)

Congratulations to the U13 indoor athletics team who represented Stoke on Trent in the County competition, after finishing 2nd in the South Area. They performed really well in their 6 events and although they faced some tough opposition from the 12 other schools from across the county, they finished 6th in the County – a fantastic achievement - Well done lads!

Team: Will Knight, Jordan Hackwood, Travis Johnson, Billy Wara, Corey Fox and Sam Nicklin

Year 9 Interform Dodgeball
(1st - 4th Feb 2011)

Nearly half of Year 9 took part in this event which was held between 8.15 and 8.45 each morning. The rivalry was fierce with some excellent play on show.

Eventual Winners were 9BW who beat 9WN in a close final!!

Congratulations 9BW

Team: Michael Chaliss, Linn Lieu, Lucy Ridgeway, Danielle Bithell, Katie Wilton, Bryoney Chadwick, Callum Gidman, Callum Burton, Nomaan Khan, Sam Howarth, Matthew Hill and Matthew Dale

Sports Leaders Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following Year 9 pupils who have been selected as sports leader Ambassadors:

Megan Wain, Charlotte Boulton, Charlotte Long and Harry Simon

SPORTS LEADERS

A group of Sport Leaders have been visiting Gladstone Primary every Monday lunch time this term delivering different activities and skills to some Year 2 Pupils. The Leaders are gaining invaluable experience and developing their skills whilst the Year 2’s are enjoying their lunchtime activities much more!!

U13 Girls Football
(18th January 2011)

Edensor (Yr8) v Edensor (Yr7) Year 8 Won 7-1!!
Scorers: Lucy Marshall x 6 and Chloe Rhodes and Demi Rose Cotterill for the Year 8’s

Edensor (Yr8) v Sir Stanley Matthews Academy Through Freestyling
Scorers: Hayley Brown

Edensor (Yr7) v Sir Stanley Matthews Academy
Scorers: Lucy Marshall x 2, Hollie Gibson x2

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Year 7 & 8 team finished 1st and the Year 8 team finished in 3rd Place – Well Done Girls!!

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Scorer: Hayley Brown

Edensor (Yr7) v Sir Stanley Matthews (Yr8) Friendly Tournament v Sir Stanley Matthews Academy
Scorers: Lucy Marshall, Hollie Gibson x2

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FITZY FUN ATHLETICS
All Yr 1 and 2 pupils from Ash Green, St Thomas Aquinas and Priory Primary schools have taken part in a Fitzy Fun Indoor Athletics Festival. The pupils participated in a number of activities based around running, jumping and throwing and they were promised a visit from Fitzy if they all tried their best. This they certainly did which was evident from their glowing faces! Fitzy has now heard all about their efforts and will be paying them a visit at the next festival in the summer term.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT!
The rowers from St Joseph’s College and Trentham High School have been continuing to improve their rowing skills in after school clubs; these are now taking place on the lake at Trentham. Both schools now have a strong link with Trentham Boat Club and a number of students have taken the opportunity to join the club. Some of the more experienced rowers from the schools have been training hard with the club coaches over recent months and will be competing in the National Schools Championships in May.

We wish them well.

YEAR 5 HAVE FUN WITH DODGEBALL
All Year 5 pupils from Priory, Ash Green and St Thomas Aquinas, over 130 pupils in total, took part in a fun Dodgeball Festival which leaders helped to organize and run. All pupils enjoyed the event, playing with good spirit and sportsmanship. The leaders did an excellent job running their own sections; they were a credit to themselves and school, well done.

TRENTHAM HIGH SCHOOL REACH NATIONAL FINALS
The Under 16 Boys Badminton Team from Trentham High School reached the national finals of the Centre Parcs badminton competition after winning the regional round in Birmingham against tough competition. They had been practicing hard with community coach Ken Steele, who runs an after school club for them. It is thanks to him that Trentham have such a depth of players.

Between the feeder primary schools and the High School there are eleven county players in total. Unfortunately, the team was unsuccessful this time. However, it proved to be a valuable experience for the young team who now know what to expect, all are very eager to return next year so let’s hope they can play their way to the finals again.
The Premier League 4 Sport programme at Stoke City were invited to take part in the first North West Premier League 4 Sport Table Tennis tournament, hosted by Bolton Wanderers at St James Sports College, Farnworth just days after Stoke City had epically knocked the hosts of the tournament out of the FA Cup.

6 Players represented Stoke City in the day’s competition, Chloe Chadwick, Anne-Marie Simcock, Ashley Turner, James Walachowski, Matthew Wood and Daniel Sayer, all who take part in Table Tennis through the PL4S project’s network of satellite clubs, in partnership with Penkhull Table Tennis Club. The project is in its 2nd year of delivery and is working hard to inspire young people in North Staffordshire to take up an Olympic Sport in both training and competition, with other opportunities also in Judo, Badminton and Volleyball.

Stoke City’s players found themselves up against the best players representing the North West Premier League Clubs, including Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Wigan Athletic, Liverpool, Everton and Manchester City.

Some amazing talent was displayed by Stoke City’s boys and girls teams, with a lot of close fought battles during the day’s play. None were closer than their matches with players from Manchester City, with the prospect of the Football Clubs’ approaching encounter in the FA Cup Final never too far away.

Stoke City’s players gave an outstanding performance to finish overall 2nd in the tournament behind Blackburn Rovers. With fantastic performances from the whole team ensuring that Stoke City’s visit to the North West was one they could be proud of.

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**Stoke City Boys Volleyball**

Stoke City Boys Volleyball team at West Mid PL4S event in Birmingham in February – boys won the event and Brad Nixon, Alex Latham, Darien Price and James Convey in action from Holden Lane.
The Fitzy ‘Achieve your Best’ Basketball Challenge

The National School Sport Week, supported by the YST and Lloyds TSB, was the inspiration behind the Fitzy Basketball Challenge. This year children are invited to pledge to achieve their personal best in an Olympic or Paralympic Sport, individually, with their class, or with their School Sport cluster. The North and South Stoke School Sport Partnerships encourage all KS1 children to take part in the Fitzy Achieve Your Personal Best Basketball Challenge. The Fitzy story “Everyone can Play” was written to promote the Basketball challenge and also to promote the Olympic values of friendship, excellence, respect and equality.

PLAYGROUND TO PODIUM

The North and South Stoke Partnerships were able to deliver another opportunity for those pupils with a range of disabilities across the City to demonstrate their skills in Athletics, Wheelchair Basketball, Table Tennis and Football. Two separate days were arranged at Fenton Manor to accommodate pupils from both Special and Mainstream schools. From the activities, the coaches were able to score the pupils relative to their disability and so forward them on to the County Athletic Assessment Days at Fenton Manor for Wheelchair Basketball, Table Tennis and Boccia and Shobnall Leisure Centre, Burton-on-Trent for Football, Athletics and Cricket. National Governing Bodies were then able to signpost those with a particular aptitude and talent to various clubs across the region.

In addition to the “Dry-Side” activities, we ran another successful Aquatic Assessment Day at Fenton Manor Pool. On this occasion we were able to invite pupils from schools across Newcastle and the Staffordshire Moorlands. The sessions were delivered expertly by the City Swimming Service under the guidance of Laura Shackleton. Laura and her team identified a small number of pupils who will now attend the County Assessment Day at Rugeley in July.

The London 2012 Games Olympic Torch Relay is passing through Stoke-on-Trent on Wednesday 30th May 2012. This will be an incredible opportunity to bring alive the anticipation, build up and excitement of the ‘greatest show on Earth’ coming to West Midlands region and across the UK.

Leaving Chester on the 29th May, the torch will travel to Stoke before visiting Bolton on 31st May.

Dates for Diary

Stoke School Sports Association Athletics Finals at Northwood Stadium
Field: Tuesday 12th July 2011
Track: Friday 15th July 2011

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