**Active Essex School Sport & Physical Activity Bulletin**

“As County Sports Partnership, Active Essex is the commissioner for School Sport. As such it is responsible through funding provided by Sport England and Essex County Council, to provide support for schools throughout Greater Essex in relation to the effective spend and the resultant impact of the delivery of High Quality PE & School Sport and of the Primary Sport premium.

This and subsequent bulletins, along with the pages at [www.ActiveEssex.org](http://www.ActiveEssex.org), outline support and opportunities that are provided by Active Essex.”

**Dear Colleagues,**

Hopefully you had a restful summer and enjoyed a summer holiday away somewhere. I expect that many of you have taken some time to experience the World Championships, Test matches or World Cup Games. This summer has been a busy one while we have been away. Justine Greening has announced that the doubling of the Primary PE & Sport Premium will happen from September. Importantly for the county Active Essex launched their new strategy; Active Essex, Changing 1 Million Lives to get Essex Active which will form the basis of all work, including that with schools over the next four years.

**Brian Shaw; Strategic Lead Education and Skills**

**Autumn Term 1**

**Essex School Games Events**

Our Essex School Games Events proved to be a fabulous end to what has been an exciting year of school sport, competition and physical activity. The 2017 academic year culminated in two events, our Summer Games and Special Games held over three venues, Basildon Sporting Village, The Essex Golf and Country Club and Billericay Cricket Club. In total over 1,250 pupils from 108 primary, secondary and SEND education across the county competed in a range of sports including Tennis, Swimming, Gymnastics, Kwik Cricket, High 5 Netball, Wheelchair Basketball, New Age Kurling, Athletics and many more.

The School Games programme is part of Active Essex’s core programme to engage with children and inspire them to lead healthy and active lifestyles. Our Special School Games are organised by the Multi-Schools Council in collaboration with Active Essex, to provide an inclusive event designed for students with special needs or disabilities. This, amongst other educational activities such as the Daily Mile, is part of the new four year strategy recently launched by Active Essex which aims to change 1 million lives by getting Essex active.

The events both involved young sports leaders and student media teams and were also attended by several Essex ‘All Together’ and ‘This Girl Can: Essex’ Ambassadors.

The events aimed to create a lifelong passion for sport and physical activity. Our events aim to create an environment where all young people can feel safe, excel and have positive experiences which help to create a lifelong passion for sport and physical activity.

Whilst we appreciate that many parents and carers want to support their children in our school games events, this is not always possible. However, when we are able to accommodate them we would like to remind our schools, staff and parents/carers of our Code of Conduct policy. Please ensure that this is distributed to your staff and parents that may be accompanying young people to our competitions and events. Failure to comply with this policy may result in schools being removed and disqualified from the event or even future events and competitions.

Our 2017-18 Calendar & Rule pack and the Code of Conduct can be found at: [https://www.activeessex.org/school-games-calendar/](https://www.activeessex.org/school-games-calendar/)

**September 2017**

**£125 Million Tennis Funding;**

The LTA has committed to investing £125 million to improve community tennis facilities across the country, including in education establishments, and plans to unlock a further £125 million through match funding from community networks with a shared vision for growing the game.

Transforming British Tennis Together will see the LTA work in partnership with local communities to:

- Increase the number of covered and floodlit courts to boost available playing hours when it’s raining and when the sun has gone down;
- Install online booking and entry systems so everyone can book a tennis court easily from their mobile phone, computer or tablet;
- Refurbish courts, clubhouses and other social spaces to ensure players have a great experience every time they visit;
- Support other innovative and creative ideas that meet local demand.

Roadshow events have been organised across the country to go through the details of this exciting investment; you can find your nearest event and book a place [here](https://www.lta.org.uk/sport-for-schools/roadshows).

**Badminton England’s new primary age (5-11yrs) focused initiative.** It’s been designed to deliver fun and engaging skill based sessions, ensuring a positive first experience to badminton.

To find out more visit: [https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/landingpage.asp?section=5749&section%20Title=Bisil#](https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/landingpage.asp?section=5749&section%20Title=Bisil#)
DfE Outline Formula for Allocating the Doubled Primary PE & Sport Premium
Active Essex is pleased to report that the Department for Education (DfE) has announced some changes to the Primary PE & Sport Premium pages on the Gov.uk website to reflect recent ministerial decisions on the allocation formula for the doubled Primary PE & Sport Premium.

The high level changes are that from September 2017:
- Schools with 16 or fewer eligible pupils receive £1000 per pupil; and
- Schools with 17 or more eligible pupils receive £16,000 and an additional payment of £10 per pupil

This is a straight doubling of the current formula and will mean that all schools will be able to deliver further improvements to their PE and Sport provision. The mechanism for payment will remain the same, with schools receiving 7/12ths of funding in October/November and the remaining 5/12ths in April/May. The webpage (which will be updated shortly) can be accessed HERE.

The DfE will publish the school level breakdown of funding for the academic year 2017 to 2018, including conditions of grant, in October 2017.

Essex Daily Mile
Over the course of this academic year we have had information in regards to almost 100 schools across the county that are now participating in the Daily Mile or equivalent activity. Before we begin any further evaluation work we would like to ensure that we have captured every school involved. If you are already participating (and haven’t let us know), or would be interested in introducing the Daily Mile to your school please contact: Dawn.catley@activeessex.org

https://www.activeessex.org/resource/daily-mile-programme-information-2016/

Hyve Dance Event Sunday 17th September

Parents in Sport Week: 2-8 October 2017

Please visit the link below for the full Essex School Games Calendar:
http://www.activeessex.org/programme-landing/?wpvprogramme=school-games
Catch our 2017 Essex Summer & Special Events
http://www.activeessex.org/programme-landing/?wpvprogramme=school-games
School Games films and visit the photo galleries at the links below:
https://www.activeessex.org/resource/school-games-gallery/

Early Movers Course
NEW DATE
Thursday 19 October (12.30pm-4pm)
At: Hamptons Sport & Leisure Ltd (formally Marconi), Chelmsford
Cost: £35 per participant
For more information and to book your place please visit:
https://www.activeessex.org/training-courses-list/?wpvview_count=1361-TCPID1365&wpv_post_search=&wpv_paged=2

KS1 Physical Education & Activity Mark
Don’t forget to apply for your School KS1 Activity Mark here:
https://www.activeessex.org/resource/ks1-award-apply/