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, outline support and opportunities that are provided by Active Essex.”

Dear Colleague,

It is difficult to believe that we are already two months into a new year. We have already delivered our Winter Games focussing this year on Colchester and will see our Spring Games in Harlow and Southend in March. Once again these events will see 2000 young people involved in sporting competition in a series of County Finals. I would like to congratulate all schools who competed in their local competitions leading to these finals. These School Games events show what inspiration and joy sporting gatherings like this can provide. Days which play an important role in the development, not just of the athlete but of the young person as a whole.

Brian Shaw: Strategic Lead Education and Skills

Spring Term 2

Essex Winter Games

Our Winter Games was a huge success with over 60 schools taking part in the 5th annual event.

The competition is open to both primary and secondary schools who have won district level competitions in one of 24 different sports from basketball and badminton to Squash and table tennis and is one of three school games events that takes place through the year.

The festival of sport ran throughout January at venues in Colchester, Harlow and Rochford with over 728 children taking part in the sports events and another 20 supporting as young leaders.

The aim of the winter games is to bring schools together to enjoy a wide variety of sports as well as to promote the Olympic values of friendship, respect and excellence and the Paralympic values of determination, inspiration, courage and equality.

These values were brought to life by these superb young leaders from Church Langley Primary School who managed and judged an inclusive boccia competition for able-bodied and disabled students at Mark Hall School in Harlow. Gill Newlyn Essex Projectability Officer said; “They were quick to learn the role of ‘official’ and then carried out that role brilliantly. They were enthusiastic, patient, and extremely efficient. We couldn’t have run the event without their help”.

Azeem Akhtar, chair of Active Essex, said; “These winter games have been a huge success and it is wonderful to see so many children coming together to play and enjoy such a wide variety of sports”.

February 2017

Keeping Dance Alive 2017

STILL TIME TO CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION

Deadline extended to: Tuesday 28 February

Brought to you by the Dance Network Association in partnership with Active Essex, Limited spaces are available for our 2017 Keeping Dance Alive Programme:

For an information pack please contact: Gemma Wright on 07490374717/ E: gemma@dancenetworkassociation.org.uk
www.dancenetworkassociation.org.uk

Primary PE & Sport Premium

There has been much debate over the first part of this year regarding the proposed doubling of the Primary PE & Sport Premium. In recent meetings and conferences that I have attended, the intention by the government to increase the amount of funding to schools has been reiterated. It does seem however that there will not be a doubling of the funding to each school but that there will be an element of targeting to achieve identified outcomes.

Over past bulletins we have stressed to schools the need to ensure that spend is identified on the school website and that outcomes and especially impact are displayed. To assist schools with this process we would promote the use of the following tools, which some schools are already using to good effect;

http://www.afpe.org.uk - Evidencing the Impact of Primary PE and Sport Premium
-Guidance & Template-

www.cspnetwork.org - Primary Premium
www.fitforsport.co.uk/active-schools/healthy-active-schools-system

www.youthsporttrust.org - Evidencing the Impact of Primary PE and Sport Premium


For a detailed breakdown of the Primary PE & Sport Premium visit the webpage at www.ActiveEssex.org

www.activeessex.org/resource/brochure-primary-pe-school-sport-premium/
Health & safety update;
Like me I am sure that you are enjoying an excellent Six Nations tournament. This and recent reports around heading in football have highlighted the dangers of concussion. I would advocate that schools employ and follow the advice issued by the Association of Physical Education – detailed guidelines can be found at;

Daily Mile
If your school are taking part in the Active Essex Daily Mile don’t forget to let us know!

Nearly 100 schools across the county have now introduced the initiative with pupils walking or running a Daily Mile during the school day.

Take the first step in the right direction and be in with the chance to win a host of exciting prizes for your school.

Our full Active Essex Daily Mile pack and film can be downloaded at:
http://www.activeessex.org/resource/daily-mile-programme-information-2016/

Awards for All Funding.
A number of Essex schools have successfully applied for Awards for All Funding.

Is Awards for All right for you?
★ Do you need between £300 and £10,000? The Awards for All programme will not give more than £10,000, in one or more grants, to an organisation in any one year period. If you have an active grant with us, you’ll not be able to apply for more funding. If we have asked you to send us monitoring information we will check this and confirm to you that your grant has been closed before you may apply again.
★ Are you a voluntary or community organisation, school, health body or a parish or town council?
★ Do you have a UK-based bank account in the name of your organisation (or for schools, a local authority bank account) and financial procedures, that both require at least two people who are unrelated and do not live at the same address to sign cheques or make a withdrawal (including debit card or internet purchases and cash withdrawals)?
★ Will your project be complete within one year and can you send your application at least four months before your project starts?

Some potential applications have been around;
• Play equipment
• Daily Mile tracks
• A series of cooking and nutritional workshops
• Demonstrations to promote healthy eating.

Forms and guidance can be found at
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or alternatively contact: brian.shaw@activeessex.org

DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS
School Games Events
New Age Kurling Thurs 23 Feb
Mini Hockey Wed 8 March
Spring Games 15 & 16 March
Primary Mountain Bike Tue 21 March
X Country Team Thurs 20 April
X Country Individual Tue 25 April

Please visit the link below for the full Essex School Games Calendar:
http://www.activeessex.org/programme-landing/?wpvprogramme=school-games

EDUCATION SMALL GRANTS
Early Years Funding Release
The deadline for our Active Essex Education Small Grant is Thursday 23 February. We invite education settings from across Greater Essex to apply for up to £400 to develop and deliver new, sustainable projects that focus on physical activity and the development of physical literacy for Children aged 5 and under.

Full grant criteria and application form is available at:
http://www.activeessex.org/programme-landing/?wpvprogramme=early-years

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