Dear Colleague

You will now be well immersed in another term. The start of this school year has once again seen some changes to programmes relating to PE & School Sport. As always please contact myself or any of the team outlined below should you have any questions or require confirmation on any emerging issues.

Brian Shaw; Strategic Lead Education and Skills

**AWARDS FOR ALL FUNDING**

New Play Equipment and a £10,000 Lottery Grant

A new piece of play equipment is creating waves of excitement and a renewed enthusiasm for outside play. The school was aware that the previous play structure was reaching the end of its natural life and so sought the opinions of the students through ‘Student Voice’ meetings to find out what they would like to see more of in the playground. With the overwhelming feedback being a ‘more challenging piece of equipment for the older children’ the school started looking at means of fund raising.

As part of the ‘Big Lottery Fund’ the ‘Awards for All England Funding’ provides grants of between £300 and £10,000 to communities. The school was delighted to be awarded the full £10,000 towards their ‘Health Attack’ project and this combined with a further £5,000 donation from their PTA enabled the purchase of the new ‘Space Orbiter’.

One Year 6 child said ‘it’s really cool to know we were listened to and everyone loves the new equipment’. Jess Horrocks of Dumnaw St Marys who completed the paperwork said; “I started research into possible external sources of funding for our project. I very quickly found the ‘biglotteryfund.org.uk’ website which is extremely well laid out and easy to navigate around. All the necessary paperwork is available to download and every step of the way has supporting documents and FAQs to help you through the process.

We were delighted to be awarded the full amount of £10,000 within 8 weeks of submitting our application and would highly recommend this process to other schools looking for specific project funding”.

Schools wanting help and advice in compiling and submitting applications should contact rob.hayne@activeessex.org or brian.shaw@essex.gov.uk.

Or Visit this link www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england

**PRIMARY**

Important Changes to the Conditions of Grant of the Primary PE & Sport Premium

Since May 2014 it has been a requirement of the Primary PE & Sport Premium funding that schools display information relating to how they are spending the Premium on their website.

This September more detailed information has been issued around ‘Conditions of Grant’ and Ofsted inspection. This year the grant conditions and accompanying guidance have been revised to emphasise that the funding must be used to enhance, rather than maintain, existing provision and that improvements must be sustainable in the long term. In particular schools are urged to think about how their spend reflects the Vision and Objective for the PE & Sport Premium as released on 26 January 2015 by the Department for Education.

The latest conditions require schools to display information relating to;

- the amount of premium received;
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent);
- the impact the school has seen on pupils’ PE and sport participation and attainment.
- how the improvements will be sustainable in the future.

Another important condition is that; You should not use your funding to:

- employ coaches or specialist teachers to cover planning preparation and assessment (PPA) arrangements - these should come out of your core staffing budgets
- teach the minimum requirements of the national curriculum - including those specified for swimming (or, in the case of academies and free schools, to teach your existing PE curriculum).

**HADLEIGH PARK**

‘Take Your Turn’ Teachers Event

Our first schools staff event was held this week with groups of Essex Teachers taking their turn on the skills area, a led ride including some of the main course features and a competitive time trial.

This event was introduced by popular demand and was extremely well received. The sessions included an introduction to Hadleigh Park and the education packages on offer for 2016.

If you are interested in receiving more information about Hadleigh Park and influencing our future projects and programmes please join our education mailing list at: http://www.activeessex.org/schools/hadleigh-park/

Primary PE & Sport Premium – Further information can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools


Details of this and other supporting documentation can be found at http://www.activeessex.org/schools/sport-premium-for-primary-schools/ or for a conversation around this issue contact brian.shaw@activeessex.org
**HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE**

Active Essex works alongside Essex County Council to provide schools with up to date information to support the planning and implementation of safe Physical Education and School Sport sessions. This incorporates providing updated guidance on the employment, deployment and supervision of Adults Supporting Learning.

Documentation relating to; Risk Assessments, Adults Supporting Learning and Swimming within schools can be found at; http://www.activeessex.org/schools/health-and-safety/.

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### NEWS

**Funding opportunities**

**Education Small Grants 2015-16**

Our 2015 Small Grant Scheme closed on 16th October. We received a large number of applications which included a wide variety of activities from ‘Write Dance’ to ‘Fit for the slopes’. This year we have awarded 45 grants in total, each of up to £400 to Early Years and Education settings across the county. Please see link for further details or for more information on previously successful projects.

http://www.activeessex.org/schools/small-grants

**EARLY MOVERS COURSE**

Active Essex, in partnership with the British Heart Foundation, are pleased to confirm the next Essex course date:

Wednesday 18 November 2015,
1pm - 4.30pm at Basildon Sporting Village

Aimed at those working in an early years setting providing care to children from birth up to the age of five. The course is especially designed to highlight the importance of physical activity in the early years and how to engage babies and young children in more physically active play.

£30 per delegate – Please visit the link below to book your place:


**Create Development Curriculum support and training**

Active Essex are pleased to be working in partnership with Create Development who provide solutions to accelerate learning to develop the whole child. **Real PE** is a philosophy and approach to change the way you teach and transform the way your pupils learn. This approach gives children the physical literacy, emotional and thinking skills to achieve in PE, Sport and life. What is of real value is the scope of the training and resources offered extend beyond the PE classroom impacting on assessment and whole school improvement.

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### IMPACT AWARDS

In September 2015 new guidelines around the expectations of the Primary PE & Sport Premium were provided. These are that, under the conditions of the grant, schools must display on their website:

- the amount of premium received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent)
- **the impact the school has seen on pupils’ PE and sport participation and attainment**
- how the improvements will be sustainable in the future.

In order to support schools with this procedure Active Essex would like to invite schools to apply for 5 Essex Impact Awards which will be based around the 5 ‘Objectives’ of the Premium. The awards will be presented at a ‘Teach Meet’ event in the new year.

Schools are invited to make an application for the Essex Impact Awards using the following link:

http://www.activeessex.org/news/essex-impact-education-awards/?page_index=1

The closing date: 30th December 2015 and the winning schools will receive an exciting day’s activity for a group from their school at Lee Valley Olympic White Water Centre.

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### DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Keeping Dance Alive: Road to Rio**

Our ‘Road to Rio 2016’ programme goes live this month. If your school or community dance group are interested in signing up to ‘Dance Rio’ this academic year, please contact:

gemmawright@dna@gmail.com

Please visit the link below for the full Essex School Games Calendar:

http://www.activeessex.org/schools/school-games/school-games-calendar/

**Birch Hall Adventure Run**

**Wednesday 2 December 2015**

This is the first Adventure Run organised by Birch Hall Adventures and is aimed at giving young people the opportunity to run a race which is a mixture of running and obstacles, some of which will involve potentially getting muddy and wet!! The race is 2km in length and there will be an obstacle every 200m or so. Pupils will compete as pairs open to boys and girls in years 5&6.

For more information and to enter (closing date for entries is: Friday 27 November). Please contact: alex@birchhall.com

**Update your School contacts:**

In order to ensure that all of our information is sent directly to the correct person within your schools, please take just a few minutes to update your details.

http://www.activeessex.org/schools/school-news/sport-news-bulletin/

For any further information, advice and guidance or support for PE and sport in your school please don’t hesitate to contact me or the team on:

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