Dear Colleague

I hope that you all enjoyed a pleasant and restful Christmas holiday. In this edition we have encapsulated these and have outlined initiatives developed by Active Essex to support the attainment of High Quality 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

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**ACTIVE ESSEX AWARDS**

In case you missed it, you can check out the Active Essex Sports Awards by visiting [http://www.activeessex.org/home/](http://www.activeessex.org/home/).

On Wednesday 2 December, a host of local sporting heroes were celebrated at the Active Essex Sports Awards 2015 and announced live on BBC Essex. Hundreds of guests attended the awards at the Weston Homes Community Stadium in Colchester, which were streamed live on Active Essex’s website and broadcast live on BBC Essex. The annual awards recognise the contributions made to sport and physical activity in Essex, from volunteers, clubs, coaches, schools and organisations, to high performing athletes.

Chairman of Active Essex, Gary Sullivan OBE said: “Our awards celebrate outstanding contributions to sport and physical activity in Greater Essex. It was fantastic to see some of the most talented, dedicated and inspirational sports people in our county represented at the ceremony.”

The crowds also celebrated Max Whitlock, Pommel Horse World Champion as he joined the stage to talk about his journey to success and future aspirations.

Friars Primary School and Nursery from Southend-on-Sea, won School or College of the Year. They have fully embedded sport and physical activity into their ethos and it is an integral part of life at the school.

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**PRIMARY**

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

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.

Many schools are already demonstrating through their website how they are achieving Impact. To assist in this process Active Essex has designed an Infographic and instigated an Essex Impact Awards initiative.

Details for both can be found at; [www.activeessex.org/schools/sport-premium-for-primary-schools/](http://www.activeessex.org/schools/sport-premium-for-primary-schools/)

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**KEEPING DANCE ALIVE**

*Road to Rio*

Our ‘Road to Rio 2016’ programme goes live this month.

[![Road to Rio](image)](image)

**ESSEX KS1 AWARDS**

*Essex KS1 PE and School Sport Activity Mark Award ceremony November 2015*

Active Essex and Chelmsford School Sports Partnership are extremely pleased that the Prime Minister announced a significant boost to funding for PE and Sport in our primary schools by extending the Primary Sport Premium until 2016. This funding has been used across the county to enhance the provision and quality of PE & School Sport within our schools. Until now there has not been a vehicle by which we can officially recognise excellence in delivery at Key Stage 1. Schools can now make an online application to be considered for an award of the KS1 Physical Education & Activity Mark. These applications will be assessed by a panel drawn together by Chelmsford School Sport Partnership and Active Essex and may include a verification visit by a relevant member.

To make your application please visit: [http://www.activeessex.org/schools/KS1Mark/](http://www.activeessex.org/schools/KS1Mark/)

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*www.activeessex.org/schools/sport-premium-for-primary-schools/essex-impact-awards/*

Schools are invited to make an application for the Essex Impact Awards using link above;

The closing date has been extended to: 31st January 2016 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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**ACTIVE ESSEX**

The Sport and Physical Activity Partnership for Greater Essex

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**Essex County Council**

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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.”
Panathlon Challenge Charity provide sporting opportunities for young disabled children in Essex

Active Essex has been working with the Stansted based charity, Panathlon Challenge for 7 years. Panathlon provide sporting opportunities for young disabled people throughout the county and in 2015 worked with 26 schools in Essex and over 500 deaf and disabled students and 150 young leaders. Panathlon create several rounds of competitions throughout the year, culminating in the School Games Finals each summer at Basildon Sporting Village. Panathlon is a national charity working in 27 counties across the country and involves over 7,500 young disabled people each year. For more information please see www.panathlon.com or contact howard@panathlon.com

NEWS

Funding opportunities

Education Small Grants

Following on from the success of our 2015 round of Education Small Grants, funding Early Years and Women & Girls projects we are pleased to announce our next opportunity. Applications will open from: Monday 18 January 2016 for projects focusing on Physical Activity for Health Promotion. This will be open to all education settings across the county.

Full grant criteria and an application pack will be available from the opening date at: http://www.activeessex.org/schools/small-grants

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.

TRAINING DATES

Chelmsford 18th Jan/11th May/17th June 2016
Colchester 19th Jan/12th May/16th June 2016

For booking please visit: www.activeessex.org/schools/real-pe-course-chelmsford/
For further information please visit: www.createdevelopment.co.uk

ROAD TO RIO – Power house games

Active Essex has formed a strong partnership with charity Power2Inspire (led by John Willis, Provider’s former Chair). P2I have been commissioned to deliver a series of inclusive sports festivals throughout Essex in the lead up to the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2016. The programme will see up to 15 Power House Games events and 30 assembly roadshows delivered within schools. Each event brings pupils from SEN and mainstream secondary schools together to play adapted sports with the roadshow assemblies exploring inspiration, inclusion and opportunity alongside the Paralympics and issues surrounding people with disabilities.

Each SEN School will have the opportunity to join with a partner secondary school and host an event with assemblies available to all Secondary schools (subject to availability). These will be offered free of charge and places are going fast. For more information or to secure your schools involvement, please contact: Dawn.Catley@activeessex.org

Primary or infant schools can also access additional opportunities and for more information can liaise directly with Power2Inspire: power2inspire.org.uk
John.Willis@Power2Inspire.org.uk

John Willis is currently also striving to complete his own Road to Rio challenge by participating in as many Olympic and Paralympic sports as possible prior to the 2016 Games. He will be joining the School Games Boccia event in January and also attending the Winter Games on 22 January in Harlow to try as many sports as possible!

CPD Opportunity

FREE PE course especially designed for Primary staff in mainstream education to help teach PHYSICAL EDUCATION and sport to young people who have SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND).

Thursday 4th February 2016, 9.30 – 3.00
At Paringdon Sports Centre, Harlow. CM19 4QT

For more information & to register please contact: gillian.newlyn@davenant.org

DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

School Games Events
Dodgeball Friday 8 January
Bocci Wednesday 15 January
Winter Games Friday 22 January
Primary Badminton Friday 29 January
Squash Friday 5 February

Please visit the link below for the full Essex School Games Calendar: http://www.activeessex.org/schools/school-games/school-games-calendar/

England Netball
Level 1 - Coaching Course
Braintree Leisure Centre
Day 1: Sunday 19th June 2016
Day 2: Sunday 17th July 2016
E'mail: emma.walker@englander.netball.co.uk

Goalball School Leaders Course
Venue: Rayleigh Leisure Centre, Priory Chase, Rawrath Lane, Rayleigh, SS6 9NF
Date: Tuesday 16th February 2016
Time: 12.30 – 17.00
Price: £30
http://www.activeessex.org/courses/goalball-school-leaders-course-tuesday-16th-february-2016

British Show jumping

Exciting opportunities available to schools These exciting new Championships, brought to you by British Showjumping in conjunction with The Pony Club, will allow for schools to submit teams of three or four riders within specific height categories.

For more details please visit: www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/nationalschools

Or contact: Anna Garside on 02476 698810

BHF - EARLY MOVERS COURSE

Active Essex, in partnership with the British Heart Foundation, are pleased to confirm there will be another Early Movers Course (practitioners working with for children aged 0-5) delivered in Chelmsford in February 2016.

Date TBC, bookings can be made via: http://www.activeessex.org/courses/