Dear Colleague

I do hope the term is progressing well for you and all of the pupils in your school. Please find latest information below to keep you up to speed. As always please contact me should you have any questions or require confirmation on any emerging issues.

Kind regards
Brian

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**CPD - ALL PHASES**

**PE Professional Learning**

**Summer 2015**

Early Movers Courses: Basildon

In partnership with the British Heart Foundation and Basildon Schools Readiness Team, we are offering staff from Early Years settings, schools and registered childminders the opportunity to attend an Early Movers workshop.

This is a 3.5hr training session to help early years practitioners extend the physical activity opportunities available to the under 5’s in their care.

Courses will be held in Basildon area, venues TBC on:

- Thurs 25 June, 1pm-4.30pm
- Fri 26 June, 9.30am-1pm

Cost of course is £30.00. To book, please contact:

dawn.catley@activeessex.org

Further courses will be held in other areas throughout the year. For online bookings for the above or to view all courses for 2015-16 please go to:

http://www.activeessex.org/courses/

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**PRIMARY**

**Primary Sport Premium Update**

A condition of the Primary Sport Funding is that schools display their spend within the school website. A review of sites has shown that at present only 80% of schools comply with this requirement. Documentation supporting schools in this process and also with demonstrating the impact of the spend can be found at

www.activeessex.org/Opportunities/schools/sport-premium-for-primary-schools/

Headteachers are reminded that on 26 January 2015, the Department for Education announced the revised vision and objective for the PE and Sport Premium. The DfE and other government departments have slimmed down the expected outcomes after taking the advice of key partners such as the association for Physical Education, County Sports Partnerships and Youth Sport Trust.

VISION: All pupils leaving primary school physically literate and with the knowledge, skills and motivation necessary to equip them for a healthy lifestyle and lifelong participation in physical activity and sport.

OBJECTIVE: To achieve self-sustaining improvement in the quality of PE and sport in primary schools.

We would expect indicators of such improvement to include:

- engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity – kick-starting healthy active lifestyles
- profile of PE and sport being raised across the school as a tool for whole school improvement
- increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport
- broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils
- increased participation in competitive sport

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**SECONDARY**

**This Girl Can Posters & Resources for Schools**

Over the last few months, Sport England’s This Girl Can campaign went viral. It dominated TV screens and billboard sites across England. Its images of real women and girls jiggling, wiggling and having fun, generated headlines across the world. We want your girls to feel that they can, too!

This Girl Can - Posters for Schools:

To help promote the campaign, every local authority secondary school in England has been posted four complimentary A1 sized posters for display in schools, to highlight the This Girl Can campaign and its important images/messages.

These posters have been delivered to schools, addressed to the ‘Teacher in charge of PSHE’. Please seek these out and help us to raise the profile of the campaign.

We urge you to register on the This Girl Can website in order to access free resources - www.thisgirlcan.co.uk/register

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**NEWS**

**Keeping Dance Alive - Project Impact**

KDA is a mass choreography dance and performance project. This year there have been 22 Essex Schools, with 1000 students participating in the dance workshops and performances at high profile sporting venues.

74% of all participants state that their levels of fitness have improved due to their involvement with the project.

For more information please contact:

Dawn.Catley@activeessex.org

Please visit the link below for highlights of our performance at Colchester United.

https://vimeo.com/127844676

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KDA Performance, 18 April, Colchester United, Western Homes Stadium
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**

#### Launch of MARS Milk Play Fund

From May 4 2015 for 22 weeks, five monthly awards of £1,000 and 44 weekly awards of £300 to sports individuals, clubs and projects. So whether you need help with travel costs, kit coaching or new equipment there is a helping hand available. If sports are not your thing the fund is also giving you the chance to win some cool gadgets.

Visit: [http://marsmilk.com](http://marsmilk.com)

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### SEND

**Panathlon Newsletter link below:**

[http://eepurl.com/bmtkyT](http://eepurl.com/bmtkyT)

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### PRIMARY

**Use of Coaches within schools**

Active Essex and Essex County Council are in full agreement with a range of important National Partners who are committed to sustaining high quality PE and school sport. We believe, as a result of any direct investment into PE and school sport (i.e. the current Primary PE & Sport Premium), there must be long term change in the quality of teaching and learning as well as the contribution of PE and sport to whole school standards.

We believe that in curriculum time, teachers should not be replaced or displaced by coaches, but rather support their work and ensuring enhanced provision. Coaches can make a valuable contribution to PE and school sport by using their skills to improve the technical knowledge and confidence of teaching staff, as well as delivering additional breakfast, lunchtime and after school provision.

Many schools have identified a role for sports coaching in their PE and school sport offering, and all National Partners believe it is essential for coaches to:

- be employed by a school when a need has been identified by their PE and school sport review
- have the recognised minimum qualification, insurance and safeguarding standards to be employed to work in school sport
- not be used to displace teachers during curriculum time
- have a sound understanding of what safe practice in PE and sport looks like.

Once again detailed documentation around the use of coaches can be found at:


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### ALL PHASES

**School Games**

- 12/06/15 Specialist School Games
- 30/06/15 Sainsbury’s Essex Summer Games
- 08/07/15 Lee Valley White Water Festival
- 13 – 15/07/15 Hadleigh Park Legacy Festival
- 08/06/15 SGO Meeting
- 06/07/15 PE & School Sport Strategy Group

**Education Small Grants 2015-16**

Active Essex have previously awarded 82 Small Grants of up to £400 to Early Years and Education settings across the county. The grants were offered in two rounds: Women & Girls – to promote a legacy of sport, culture, physical activity, education skills and volunteering and Early Years – projects that target physical activity development and transition projects. Watch this space for 2015 rounds opening soon.

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**Dates & Upcoming Events**

- **Star Wise Well-being Festival**
  - Free entry – fun day for all the family
  - Saturday 13 June, 10am-4pm
  - Colchester Institute, CO3 3LL
  - [http://www.streetwise.dance](http://www.streetwise.dance)

- **Netball Youth Camp**
  - 5 day Netball camp during the Summer Holidays for 11-16 year olds.
  - Monday 27-Fri 31 July, 10am-3pm
  - Moulsham High School, Chelmsford
  - [http://netballevents.co.uk/](http://netballevents.co.uk/)

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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  - [Brian.shaw@activeessex.org](mailto:Brian.shaw@activeessex.org)

- Dawn Catley – Education Engagement Officer
  - [Dawn.catley@activeessex.org](mailto:Dawn.catley@activeessex.org)

- Emily Wingate - Sport & Physical Activity Assistant
  - [Emily.wingate@activeessex.org](mailto:Emily.wingate@activeessex.org)