

Primary School Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Supporting the Development of Workforce, Opportunities and Provision for Primary Schools

Welcome to the second summer edition of the Primary School Newsletter, where we hope to keep you informed on up and coming opportunities and events. We will highlight some of the impact our joint programmes are having on the lives of our young people.

Please feel free to provide us with feedback and any information you would like us to communicate with you.

Skills4Life Leadership

Our *Skills4Life Education Programme* continues to grow and has seen a number of schools across the authority access this over the summer term.

This school based programme is aimed at developing confidence, communication and leadership with year 5/6 pupils and we have already had some fantastic feedback. This academic year **over 230 pupils** have been taken through the *Playmaker* award by our team. Every child that takes part in the programme can receive a nationally recognised certificate registered through Sport Leaders UK. This inspirational programme will further assist Bronze Young Ambassadors in creating

opportunities in our primary schools as well as developing pupil's leadership, resilience and communication. Our aspiration is to take **every single year 5 pupil through this award during the autumn term, 2017-18**. Contact us now to book a date!



The @SportsLeadersUK #playmaker course in full flow today at @DeriViewPrimary with 35 going through the award #futureleaders



Communication! When we're all speaking at once, what can you hear?! #playmakers #monsports @SportsLeadersUK @MonSportAwards



Year 5 had a great time completing the Play Maker Award. What makes a successful leader? Ask Year 5! @MonSportAwards



@MonSportAwards Our engaged year 5 class learning to become young playmakers. Wonderful responses, motivated and enthused learners.



Junior Bacc Award

Our team, in partnership with Llanfoist Primary, recently launched the Junior Bacc Award. Our staff were treated to an evening of presentations by students to their parents around the benefits of exercise, healthy eating and local walks in the area. This formed part of a project with activity bags (as well as Fitbit's) going home to encourage physical activity plus much more. This data is then linked back to literacy and numeracy work in the classroom. The Junior Bacc is the latest programme our team is looking to develop across the authority focusing on health and wellbeing.



What an inspirational evening @LlanfoistPri. Blown away by the pupils dedication to the #JuniorBacc project and its development. #MonSport



She Rallies With Judy Murray

On Wednesday 28th June Primary and Secondary School pupils were given the opportunity to take part in a tennis workshop led by Judy Murray as part of the She Rallies programme. Carys Howard-Rees from Abergavenny Tennis Club organised the event to promote local opportunities for women and girls to get involved with Tennis.



Insport

Our team have recently been at Kymin View delivering insport sessions as part of their health and wellbeing topic. Pupils from reception through to year 6 took part in a range of inclusive activities. Year 5 also took part in a Mini Disability Inclusion training course as part of our *Skills4Life Educational offer*.

For further information on any of the programmes and training opportunities for your staff, parent support and pupils please contact sport@monmouthshire.gov.uk. Please keep us updated on school programmes through our twitter account **@MonSportAwards**

The Monmouthshire Games



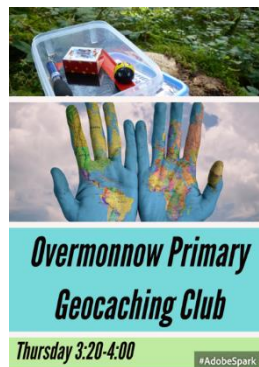
A great morning at @QLSMtweeters getting #fitforlife, playing and talking about #MonGames17 thank you everyone



Our team has been busy this term visiting Primary Schools promoting The Monmouthshire Games. We look forward to welcoming your children along to their local leisure centre to take part in fun activities with us this summer.

Sharing Good Practice & School Mentions

Overmonnow have recently set up a weekly 'Geocaching Club'. Year 3 and 4 pupils have focused on developing a variety skills which has included map reading, problem solving, treasure hunting, plotting and planning walks to name but a few. Parents have also got involved in exploring Monmouth with the children.



Cantref have had a pathway built in the school grounds, which was kindly donated to by Alan Griffiths (Griffiths Construction) which enables all pupils to participate in a daily mile activity. The pupils have loved taking part and we are recording our mileage in class. Year 6 pupils have taken part in a 'Survival of the Fittest' Challenge and competed a sponsored hike up to the top of the Sugar Loaf Mountain and back to school, followed by an overnight camp on the school grounds. All pupils competed the activity with many of the pupils running segments with staff.



Dates for the Diary

- **24th July - 25th August** – The Summer Monmouthshire Games (Ages 5-12yrs)
- **17th October 2017** – Bronze YA training for next academic year
- **2017-18 Festival Dates** to be sent before the end of term