

Primary School Newsletter Summer Term 2018

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

Welcome to the first 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.

Daily Mile

Recent academic research published has confirmed the benefits of schools taking part in the Daily Mile. Across Monmouthshire we currently have 12 schools registered as taking part in this initiative which is fantastic, we believe there may also be a few more currently not registered. With Estyn starting to look at participation in this programme as good practice it is positive to see how many of our schools have already embraced it. If you are currently taking part can you please check the following link and participation map to ensure you are registered so we get the most accurate figure possible - <https://thedailymile.co.uk/school-signup/>

#MonSportRelief

During the 19th – 23rd March we set schools across Monmouthshire a challenge for Sport Relief. Our #MonSportRelief 'Daley' Challenges saw **13 schools take part** and our team tagged in over 300 tweets sharing the fantastic work taking place. All of the tweets received were entered in to a prize draw with **Usk Primary** winning £200 towards sports equipment for their school, pictured below are some of the Playmakers from the school who were consulted on how they would like to spend the money.



We look forward to making this an annual event and would welcome ideas from pupils next year about what challenges they would like to include.

School Sport Survey

Since Monday 16th April our team has been carrying out visits to primary schools to complete the Sport Wales School Sport Survey. This is an opportunity for pupils in years 3-11 to give their voice on school and community sport to help shape future programmes and delivery. With 24 primary schools set to be complete before May half term and the remaining schools booked in shortly after our team would like to say thank you for working with us to complete this piece of work.



Monmouthshire Sport
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We are officially over 50% completed for our @MonmouthshireCC primary school's #SchoolSportSurvey. A total of 1,607 responses have been received so far. Lucas and Eva loved sharing their voice on school and community sport with us today to shape future delivery. #MonSport



Playmaker Impact

Our team are continuing to hear about fantastic things that the *MonSport Playmakers* are doing in schools across the authority. Our Playmaker programme was recently selected by the Youth Sport Trust as recognition of good practice.

A member from their team visited Archbishop Rowan Williams Primary on the 19th April to look at what impact the pupils are having.



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Today our team was joined by [@YouthSportTrust](#) to focus on the impact our [#MonSportPlaymakers](#) are having across [@MonmouthshireCC](#). A huge thank you to [@ARWPrimary](#) - what an amazing group of year 5 pupils you have impacting on wellbeing in the school every lunchtime. [#MonSport](#) 🙌



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 [@MonSportDev](#)

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Each day is designated to a different year group with the year 5 pupils responsible for delivering activities during lunch periods. This has not only had a positive impact on the Playmakers following the initial training but provided structured activities during lunch periods and developed relationships across key stages in the school.

If your Playmakers are currently delivering a programme in your school that you would like to bring our attention to please feel free to contact us.

Cantref Primary School Triathlon

On Sunday 20th May Cantref Primary School, in partnership with Monmouthshire Sport Development, Y Fenni Tri Club and MonLeisure delivered a junior triathlon based at Abergavenny Leisure Centre. This event forms part of a number of opportunities the school actively seeks and demonstrates the benefits of partnership working across education, leisure and community provision.

Pupils from across KS2 took part in the swimming, cycling and running challenges with a variety of distances covered. The event was supported by school staff

and parents who kindly gave their time up on a weekend to ensure it was a great success for the children involved.



If your school / cluster is interested in a specific festival in addition to our core sport development offer please get in touch to see how we can support.

Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday 5th June;** Year 5 Playmaker Conference (Monmouth)
- **Wednesday 6th June;** Year 5 Playmaker Conference (Abergavenny)
- **Thursday 7th June;** Year 5 Playmaker Conference (Chepstow)
- **Friday 8th June;** Year 5 Playmaker Conference (Caldicot)
- **Saturday 23rd June;** Abergavenny Festival of Cycling, Bailey Park (12:00-4:00pm)