

Playing for Success

Newsletter

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Good Morning

On behalf of Rex Hall Associates and the DCSF I wish to thank you for a great conference. It had the energy I expect of PfS. I thought the platform speakers were good with some memorable moments. My team had some fantastic conversations and we all appreciated the trust given by so many in our vision.

It was great to talk to so many people with ideas and a positive approach for the future. I hope you had safe journeys home and for many are having a good week off.

Work now starts on the CLUBCARD and the yearbook for 2008. Please look out for the CLUBCARD stencil on the website and the accompanying notes for guidance for completion. These should be uploaded by 2 June.

The new PfS diary will be available soon.

Best wishes

Rex

Centre News

I have received the business plan from the Wembley Stadium Learning Zone. For further information contact Wayne Smith at the centre.

Gloucester RUFC's new centre was launched on 5 June and it was officially opened by Jo Davidson, Group Director for Children and Young People.

Details from Jon Taylor and Richard Holmes.

Buckmore Park Kart Track was visited by Michael Goad - Shadow Secretary of State for Children, Families and Schools to see what work it is doing with children and young adults. There was a pilot PfS session in action. Details from Christian Kelly, Playing for Success Kent Manager and Fleet Learning Zone Centre Manager

Leyton Orient held a presentation evening for its Playing with Words group from Chapel End Junior School (Walthamstow) who visited Brisbane Road to celebrate the end of their ten-week Playing with Words (PWW) initiative with a ground tour and meeting two very special guests - Leyton Orient first team manager Martin Ling and assistant manager Dean Smith who took time out from planning their assault on League One next season to present the lucky youngsters with their completion certificates and medals. Each school received brand new books to inspire reading and for every book read by a pupil one club crest sticker is added to a giant PWW club wall chart. As the groups get closer and closer to their class target the pupils become more and more motivated to read! Pupils also record their reading choices and write their own book reviews in their personal PWW Reading Journals.

"The scheme is an excellent idea, helping us to work with schools that geographically we have not been able to reach with Playing for Success. The pupils worked hard to get their 100 books total and particularly enjoyed the selection of books supplied by the programme. Having the manager and assistant manager come down to make the presentation was the icing on the cake!"

Leyton Orient Football Club manager Martin Ling said "Dean and I were delighted to present the youngsters with their medals and certificates for their participation in the Playing with Words scheme. Reading 100 books between them in a term is a great achievement and I hope they have now been bitten by the reading bug. Football can be a great driver behind learning and it was great to see the pride in the kids' faces at completing this scheme."

Anita Bajaj - teacher at Chapel End Primary School said "We've been taking part in the Playing with Words scheme for the past ten weeks and as a reward we have been on a ground tour. The scheme has been brilliant and the children were really enthusiastic and excited about reading the large selection of books on offer. As soon as the scheme was introduced and the books were presented, the children were

really enthused to read more than one book and as we only had the books for one term it meant that they were eager to read their books, write a review and share what they had read and then move on to the next one - the books that were provided are really good”.

Keighley Cougars is launching its website with a sponsored match at the club. The address is www.keighleycougarpride.moonfruit.com It is still a work in progress but Liz and her team hope you will find it interesting. Details from Liz Kidman.

Islington has produced a detailed evaluation and an executive summary evaluating the impact of Study Support in Islington.

It explains the research methods. Copies of the summary are available from www.islingtonschools.net/learning/oos or 020 7527 5756

Lottery update from Jeanette East at Colchester United

Hi Everybody.

Colchester Utd Community Sports Trust has reached the semi finals of the National Lottery Awards. The first round of public voting will run from 16 June - 4 July, with voting available online and by telephone.

The three projects in each category with the most votes will progress to the final round, which will run from 21 July - 8 August. The votes are reset to zero for the final round of public voting, the winners will be announced on a special BBC1 show in the autumn.

Please could you vote for us from Monday 16 June by following the link below. We really are very worthy of this award as we do such fabulous work in the Colchester & Tendring areas across education, schools & sports development, health & social inclusion.

You can vote as many times as you like.

www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards

Staff Changes

St Helens LA has recently short listed for the post of centre manager with interviews on 12 June with a strong field of applicants. St Helens has an assistant manager, Tim Jonkers, ex first team player who is also a qualified youth worker whose career was cut short through injury. Tim is a local lad and so will be a perfect role model for

the children. Andrew Bradshaw has been appointed as the successor to Jan McLucas and will take up his post in September 2008.

I am conscious that a number of new managers appeared at the conference but are not yet part of the mailing list. Can you advise me of new appointments so that the newly created database is current and up to date.

Rex

Resource Update

Follow up to the National Conference

The following quote is an example of feedback received from a new LA representative "Also just to say I really enjoyed the conference, it's the first time in years I returned home buzzing about the opportunities out there for our children to access. I cannot wait to get the centre up and running and as a local girl who supports the team I will ensure that it is at the heart of the LA work and the community. A big thank you to Jeanette and her team for making me feel so welcome, as I was at the conference on my own and didn't know anyone."

The post event downloads from this year's Playing for Success National Conference are now available and can be found on the conference website www.pfsnationalconference2008.co.uk post event download page.

Not all workshop material is available - this may be because the workshop didn't have any material or we have not received it.

If you have any queries or problems downloading please do not hesitate to contact us. Conference Organisers

Tel: 0115 947 5666 Email: pfs2008@brackenevents.co.uk

QiSS

The QiSS Critical Friend network residential conference is being held at the Robinson Executive Centre, Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire on 6/7 November 2008. The cost of the residential is £195.00 per delegate inclusive. There is an open invitation to all those Critical Friends who have recently completed (or are in the process of completing) the MA level Critical Friendship and to long-established QiSS Critical Friends including QiSS Regional Co-ordinators, Rex Hall Associates National Critical Friends who work with QiSS, and to the newly identified QiSS Registered

Advanced Centres. The fee will be waived for colleagues contributing a workshop or otherwise inputting into the running of the event. If you are interested in attending please put the dates in your diary now, and make a provisional booking by sending me an email to the address below. Frances Tucker, QiSS

fit3@canterbury.ac.uk

Tel: 020 7093 3905

Reporting Process

The 2008 CLUBCARD template is on the website under PUBLICATIONS – the guidance for the completion of this clubcard is also available there. Centre managers should by now have filled in their clubcard and forwarded it to their Critical Friend alongside the short proforma (in the guidance) that updates the LA and Club data sets for 2008/2009.

Those centres who have not yet done so – could they please forward the clubcard to Critical Friends asap.

www.playingforsuccessonline.org.uk

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Jonathon at Aston Villa would be grateful to hear from any centres that have undertaken a longitudinal study of impact on their PFS students over a period of time - how they went about it and their findings. He is currently trying to do something similar and would be happy to share findings once it is completed. At the moment he is looking for centres with previous experience/findings to give him pointers and ideas. Jonathon Aldred Aston Villa FC 07966 987358

Calendar – 2009

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21 June - Hot off the press - after nearly ten months of building, today is the day that Pete Goss unveils the 37 foot Cornish lugger in preparation for the launch later this month! For the full press release including more details on the launch and jamboree, please log onto <http://www.formedia.co.uk/mediaFull.php?id=44&start=0>

Plus, log onto the blog <http://www.petegoss.com/blog.php> for regular updates on the boat build, including a current picture with a recent group of DAZL pupils on board!

3 July - Quality in Study Support Werneth Cricket Club are presenting for Emerged status locally

4 July - Quality in Study Support meeting at West Bromwich Albion Advanced and QiSS registered centre (currently five centres presenting at Emerged level)

4 July - The official launch of the Crown Green Zone Bolton 10.30 to 12.30 by the Mayor of Bolton and the new Zone mascot. This mascot for the Crown Green Zone has been designed by the PfS youngsters who are at present balloting to find an appropriate name. All will be revealed at the launch!

11 July - Quality in Study Support meeting at Batley Bulldogs Advanced and QiSS registered centre

23 September - Cornwall Playing for Success with the Spirit of Mystery and its education programme. During this exciting events' fortnight in September, the charity is incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to host a 'PfS Evening' whilst the boat is docked at the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth. This is planned for Tuesday 23 September. The evening will prove the perfect opportunity for the charity and authority to engage those 11 identified headteacher 'PfS champions' and other stakeholders/decision makers in our strategy. All 4 Trustees will be present including the newly appointed Dean Ashton, Director of Services for Children, Young People and Families. For the time being, the details of the evening remain unconfirmed. However, during the day there will also be the opportunity to observe Day 7 of the education programme facilitated by a PfS, Sense of Place and Maritime team.

17 October - Quality in Study Support meeting at Nottingham Forest Advanced and QiSS registered centre

14 November - Quality in Study Support meeting at Bolton Wanderers Advanced and QiSS registered centre

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8/9 January - The biennial centre managers' conference will be held at Durham CCC. Details from Tina Dransfield or Jeanette Wood

27 February - Quality in Study Support meeting at Norwich City Advanced and QiSS registered centre

3 April - Quality in Study Support meeting at West Ham Advanced and QiSS registered centre

1 May - Quality in Study Support meeting at WBA Advanced and QiSS registered centre

Planning has started for the 2009 event though we have not discussed dates yet. If you have any additional feedback beyond the completed forms your input will be most welcome. Contact Allison@rexbhallasociates.com or deb@rexbhallasociates.com

Centre managers' Bi-annual Conference 8th & 9th January 2009

Thank you to all who have booked a place on the next bi-ennial conference which is to take place at Durham County Cricket Club. There are places still available, if you would like to attend then please email the booking form sent under separate cover to either tinadransfield@yahoo.co.uk or andree.selner@locsp.org.

This conference aims to offer ALL centre staff continuing professional development opportunities.

Please note that if you require additional nights you must book these yourself, for hotel details please contact tinadransfield@yahoo.co.uk or Jeanette.Woods@durham.gov.uk.

Please look out for the 'latest conference news' on Rex's newsletter. Thank you and we hope to see you in Durham next year

Tina and Andree

Spreading the word

Part of the new brief of RHA work is to go to events to celebrate as well as to market PfS to a wider audience.

On 4 and 5 June we presented the work of PfS at DCSF's offices in Darlington and Sanctuary Buildings. We were joined by Paddy Denning - Darlington centre manager and Steve Wilson - manager at the Brit Oval. Scott Cohen also did a presentation in London and we were joined by Aileen and Jodie from the DCSF team. Thank you to all who participated

I will be contributing to an event for the Campaign for Learning in early July in London and in Stratford around the Olympics and we will be attending the summer specialist sports college meeting at the Emirates on 25 June and at Elland Road on 1 July. Pete Goss has also recently given an interview for ContinYour's Schools etc magazine on Cornwall's PfS which will provide an opportunity to profile PfS throughout the wider extended schools network.

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Other Items

First Light Movies.

Dear Playing for Success

I would like to introduce you to First Light Movies, the leading nationwide initiative that enables disadvantaged young people, aged between five and 19-years-old from

throughout the UK, to realise their creative potential via filmmaking. With backing from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the UK Film Council, First Light Movies distributes and administers significant public funds.

First Light Movies provides expertise and funding, through three grant schemes, of up to £30,000 for organisations working with groups of young people on film projects. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies has helped more than 12,000 young people script, storyboard, act in, light, film, produce, direct, edit and screen over 900 short digital films.

You can watch some First Light Movies funded films, get some hot tips and filmmaking advice and find out how to apply for funding through www.firstlightmovies.com. The next funding deadline for the Pilot Award scheme and the 'What's The Big Idea?' scheme is 24 June. The next funding deadline for the Studio Award is 14 October. For guidelines and information on how to apply, go to www.firstlightmovies.com.

Any interested PfS centres should contact Clare Lewis - Marketing & Communications Manager

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www.firstlightmovies.com

www.filmstreet.co.uk

MEDIABOX

Mediabox is a Department for Children, Schools and Families fund to help young people have a positive voice in the media. It offers disadvantaged 13-19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, print, television, radio or online platforms. The next deadline is 19 August. For more information visit www.media-box.co.uk

Log on to www.filmstreet.co.uk, our website designed to introduce children to the joys of filmmaking.

Charitable status

As part of the conference Sacha from Ipswich led a workshop with a couple of colleagues on charitable status. They were fortunate enough to secure the time of a lawyer who helped Ipswich to set up its charity a few years ago. The presentation will be included in all the power point material from workshops on the web site. The company Bates, Wells and Braithwaite is offering a free 30 minute consultation to each club which might just be a helpful starting point for some centres. If you missed the seminar or want to follow up the seminar Thea can be contacted on:

Email: t.longley@bwblp.com DD: 020 7551 7831

Bates Wells & Braithwaite London LLP 2-6 Cannon Street, London EC4M 6YH

They offer a free half hour initial meeting – to discuss areas where you need advice and give you the opportunity to decide if you want to instruct them. Please get in touch with Thea if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Playing for Success (PfS) spreading its wings Down Under

Eric Land - former Brighton and Hove PfS manager and project manager for the development of Surrey cricket's Ben Hollioake Learning Centre - launched the first PfS Australia programme in Sydney just before the National Conference. Eric's pilot PfS programme began on 20 May 2008 in partnership with the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and the Australian National Rugby League's community organisation, One Community.

Using an existing computer network, One Community's primary school resource and the knowledge he gained working in the UK PfS network, Eric has established a comprehensive seven-week programme using Rugby League as the key motivating element. Like students across the UK, the Australian participants are thoroughly enjoying the programme designed to strengthen their teamwork, key skills, learning skills and use of computers to assist in learning.

Eric says, "Following in the footsteps of the UK PfS experience, League for Life and Panthers on the Prowl, this pilot programme represents another step towards a wider movement to recognise the power of sport to engage young people in education in Australia and across the world." Following the pilot PfS programme, Eric plans to access more funding to expand the reach of this powerful strategy. Further information can be obtained by emailing Eric Land at pfsaustralia@bigpond.com