



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Welcome to the first Madeley School Sport Partnership mail shot. The Madeley School Sport Partnership, which your son / daughter is part of, has moved to its impressive new home at Madeley Academy, the hub site from where we can continue to improve the sporting opportunities for all the young people within the partnership. Did you know that 65% of the young people in our partnership's Primary, Secondary and Special Schools are taking part in 3 hours of sport? This is compared to a National average of 50%! So we are already strides ahead of other areas and making excellent progress towards our 80% target by 2011.

Just in case you weren't aware every Primary School is attached to a local Secondary School to create a family of schools which will then enhance sporting opportunities. We are working incredibly hard, alongside Primary School teachers, Secondary School teachers and Community Sports Clubs to provide sporting opportunities for all young people. As well as taking part in normal PE lessons at school, all young people should be able to access after school clubs and Community Sports Clubs. They should also have the opportunity to take part in competition, whether that be within the school, as an inter-form or inter-house competition, or against another school.

Have a look at some of the things that have been going on in the families this term:

Lord Silkin Family: Hollinswood Infant School; Hollinswood Junior School; Holmer Lake Primary School; Randlay Primary School; Stirchley Primary School; Three Oaks Primary School and Windmill Primary School.

Children from Hollinswood Infant and Junior, Windmill, Three Oaks, Stirchley and Randlay have been having fun and learning golf skills through an innovative programme called 'Mighty Masters Golf' which enables them to practice golf skills in their school hall or playground. There are plans for an end of term golf festival at Stirchley Recreation Centre.

A group of Lord Silkin pupils took centre stage at the annual School Sports Partnership Conference. They worked with a coach from the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association and with Youth Sports Trust athlete mentors who compete at international level. They demonstrated passing and shooting skills and two games of zone basketball which they played with skill and enthusiasm. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being stars for the day!



Stirchley Paralympic Sports Club run by The Lord Silkin School were invited to play an exhibition game of table cricket for The Lord's Taverners at 'Event UK' at the NEC. Six Lord Silkin pupils, and one student from Burton Borough School, formed the team. The National Table Cricket Competition is one of The Lord's Taverners' flagship programmes. The children met Nick Owen and were filmed by Midlands Today.

Abraham Darby Family: Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Primary School; William Reynolds Infant School; William Reynolds Junior School and Woodlands Primary School.

The new academic year has got off to an excellent start within the Abraham Darby Family. The Primary Schools have begun practicing for the Family Basketball tournament which will be held at Abraham Darby Academy. Each Primary School has been given the opportunity to have three weeks of coaching sessions delivered by the SScO using the Academy's facilities. Woodlands were the first to receive the training and are aiming to get a head start, allowing them to gain an advantage over the reigning champions Coalbrookdale. The PLT's within the family are to receive CPD training this term on intra-school sport in an attempt to raise the profile of sport within the schools and to use the intra-school competitions as a stepping stone to improve inter-school involvement.

Newport High School Family: Church Aston Infant School and Moorfield Primary School.

Girls at Newport High School have all been encouraged to take on Sports Volunteering. This initiative has proved most successful with the girls and all have been issued with a Volunteer Log Book.

The girls in years 7-9 can gain a School Award based on how many minutes they complete, which includes volunteering to lead warm ups, umpire, help with equipment or tidy up. The older girls, those in years 10 -13, can aim for a Step into Sport Volunteering Award. Here they can aim for two awards, one for school based activities and one based on volunteering in the community. Their awards are based on how many hours they complete. There are several clubs in school that are run by volunteers with supervision. Year 13 run a Junior Dance club, Year 12 help with Year 8/9 netball club, Year 11 volunteers help with a Year 7 netball club and Year 10 volunteers help with the Junior Badminton Club.



Southall School Family: Haughton School

At Southall School, Friday afternoons have now become competition afternoons for a lucky group of pupils, after a new House system has been introduced. The facilities at Madeley Court Sports Centre are used each week for some groups to take part in intra-school competition.

The first Playground to Podium Swimming Festival took place in October and was attended by pupils from Haughton School amongst others. The festival was a great success, with the pupils having a 'splashing' time and also making good progress with their swimming skills.

Thomas Telford Family: Redhill Primary School; Priorslee Primary School and Queenswood Primary School.

Eight new leaders have been Jumping Jaxxs trained at Redhill. They are now active and having fun exploring their new responsibilities. The training went well, with the Leaders using their own ideas for games as well as those from the Jumping Jaxxs pack. Photographs of the Leaders are up on the wall within the school, so everyone knows who to look for, and the Leaders have badges to assist with the lunch time identification. A Leader of the Year Award is being considered amongst the School Council, to acknowledge the hard work these pupils put into their role.

Madeley Academy Family: Aqueduct Primary School; John Fletcher Junior School; John Randall Primary School; Madeley Infant School and Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School.

Twenty Students at Sir Alexander Fleming have successfully completed their Jumping Jaxx training and are now assisting with lunch time activities. All students involved worked really hard and fully deserve the title of Jumping Jaxx Leaders. Congratulations to all of those involved, including the lunchtime assistants who gave up their time to help with the leadership training.

Adams Grammar Family: St Lawrence Primary School; St Peters Primary School and Tibberton Primary School.

The two Young Ambassadors Olly Claxton (Adams' Grammar School) and Meghan Edwards (Newport High School) attended the national Young Ambassador Conference at Old Trafford. Their role within the partnership will be to promote the Olympic values to both Primary and Secondary pupils. They are due to go into several Primary Schools in the Adams' Grammar Family before the end of term. Each Secondary School within the Partnership will have two Silver Ambassadors to promote the Olympic values within their family of schools.

Burton Borough School Family: Lilleshall Primary School; Muxton Primary School; Newport Junior School and Newport Infant School.

Eight Year 9 pupils from Burton Borough School took part in demonstrations for Sky Living for Sport activities and yoUR Sport at this year's National School Sports Partnerships Conference at the Telford International Centre.

The students were also able to enjoy the exhibition area and meet Olympic Gold Medallist Darren Campbell.

Feedback from students included, 'If I had the opportunity to come up again I'd jump at the chance, seeing as I had such a great day' and 'Everybody who's interested in sport would LOVE it, it was fab'.