



# *Special schools, services and PRU's cluster*

**St.Bedes , Ashton Park and City Academy School Sport Partnerships, Bristol.**

## **OAA, Leigh Woods, October 2009.**



The annual OAA Woodland Challenge at Leigh Woods was held on Oct 1st, The event is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> Year. Record numbers of schools and pupils attended from the wider Wesport area. 11 schools with a total of 98 pupils from the entire range of needs groups. (SLD,MLD, PI, deaf, EBD, PRUs, HES, ASD) Good links are maintained with the National Trust officer, Bill Morris, who is so welcoming to the pupils attending. Regional Orienteering officer, Celia Watkinson was once again at the helm in distributing routes and maps. The problem solving area was great fun this year with den making using tarps, ropes and logs proving a hit. Thanks to Nigel, Paloma and others.

## **Golf Project, Ashton Court, October 2009**



The 2nd annual Golf Project for Bristol special schools and units was once again run in conjunction with Andy Rudge at Ashton Court Golf Courses. A short module of workshops were delivered followed by a 2 day successful festival/comp at Ashton Court in Oct with 7 schools attending. Steve Scott Bowen Regional Golf Foundation development officer, has added his nomination signature for the project at the annual Golf Foundation awards gala presentation at Wentworth GC in May 2010. Big thanks to Nigel Cooley and Alex Day for helping run the competition days. There were some good golf shots played with a variety of adapted and standard gear. Well done to all the players. Especially those in the poor weather on Day 2.



## Competitions and Festivals September to December 2009



Brandon from BBA

### Wheelchair Football

Paul Arnold (Gloucestershire FA Disability Dev officer and Rachel (Somerset) aided in delivering an enjoyable Wheelchair Football workshop and competition, held this year at Yate Leisure Centre, on 18th November 2009. The event is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, seeing increased attendance of 16 pupils from the wider Wesport area. The pupils were put through their paces on 4 skills stations before teams were organised. The semi finals /finals competition was keenly contested with some fantastic skills on show. Many thanks to Julia (newly appointed Football community coach at CAB) and Jane Whittock for their help in running the event. Pictured is Brandon from BBA in Bristol who really enjoyed the event and showed great skill in his electric chair.



Briarwood Pupils

### Invasion Games

The annual special schools Invasion Games event was this year held at St.Brendans College, in November 2009. Jane Whittock organised the fun event.

3 Bristol special schools were booked to attend, Briarwood, New Fosseway and Kingsweston (did not attend). The final figure was 48 pupils in total from the Wesport area. Well done to Jane for initiating a new link with staff and volunteer young leaders at St.Brendans which could potentially be used for future competitions and festivals. Pupils rotated around a range of Invasion games skills stations over a 2.5 hour session. Pictured are 2 pupils from Briarwood School. Pete looks like he is getting competitive!



### SEN Tag Rugby Annual Event

Alison Finn at Wesport and Bristol North RFC once again must be congratulated for putting on another good SEN Tag Rugby event.

Bristol special schools were once again in attendance.



RGS Pupils at Horfield Pool

### Swimming CAAD

Lyndsey Holland (Regional disability swimming development officer) and Bristol swimming development staff organised the initial Wesport area swimming county talent identification day at Horfield Leisure Centre. Held on the 8th Oct 2009, 15 pupils were identified to attend from Bristol SSPs.

## Intra School Competitions Pilot Spring/Summer 2010



As part of the annual PESSYP survey, one major question that is asked each year relates to schools presentation of Intra School activity.

Special schools in general do not score particularly well in this data section, I suppose we are not used to organising our pupils into houses/ colours/ forms for competitive sport due to the comparatively small numbers in specials. During the spring and Summer term it is proposed to work with 4 schools in order to increase pupils intra school competitive activity. Peter Clayton will contact the schools soon to explain which two very familiar target game variations are to be used across all age groups. Peter will offer to come to the schools and carry out the event on site over a number of days. Target hoop Boccia and limited stones cumulative score new age Kurling will be the activities presented.

## Workshops/ Training/ CPD opportunities



Merchants Academy Nov 2009

### Merchants Academy

Peter Clayton was invited by Archie (SSCo) at Merchants to lead a training session on Inclusive PE and disability specific sport to a group of Learning mentors and Learning Support staff. The short session was lively with good feedback from the staff that attended. Thanks to Sue Anderson (community coach Ashton) for her aid.

### Dance Workshops

Vinette Alvaranga (dance deliverer extraordinaire) is receiving great reports from the 2 special schools receiving modules of dance as part of the city wide Urban Dance Project. Briarwoods' Sophie Cobb and Richard Yandell from Kingsweston are both pleased with the input and energy levels of Vinette.

Dance is a development area for increased inter school activity over the next 2 years.

### Annual Special Schools PE Conference

Each year the National conference for Special school PE is held at Nottingham University in the late autumn. The range of discussion workshops is wide including reference to pupils with SLD, MLD, ASD, SI, PI, PMLD and BESD. The topics are diverse and informative. In previous years several staff from special schools have attended and enjoyed the day. So next year keep a look out for the fliers that appear as the conference does get over subscribed.

### AfPE Risk Assessment course.

Jan Pritchard and the 3 Bristol PDMs put on this course at Engineers House, Clifton in September 2009. The attendance from special school colleagues was excellent and discussion was interesting in light of the huge range of needs groups represented. The feedback for the deliverer was good and on the whole it was a fascinating days course.

### ASD PE project

Following on from the 3 City wide discussion forums held last spring 2009, a number of outcomes have filtered through:

1. Resource booklet has been completed.
  2. ASD PE course to be held in January 2010
  3. ASD multi skills event planned for March
- All exciting stuff!!

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## Cluster PE Link teachers/staff 2009/10

Name/ School/ Needs groups/ Geographical secondary school link/ School Sport Partnership

Sophie Cobb, Briarwood SLD, Bristol Metropolitan, CAB SSP

Stuart Dunn, Notton House EBD, Bristol Brunel Academy, CAB SSP.

Anne Taylor/ Rob Sales, St.Matthias PRU, SMRT, CAB SSP.

Jules Cook, Meriton, Young Parents, CAB, CAB SSP.

Dave Cheeseman, Joanne Pike, Hospital Service PRU, Bedminster Down, Ashton SSP

Gavin Bradshaw, Florence Brown, BESD, MLD, The Bridge LC (Hartcliffe), Ashton SSP.

Katie Murison, New Fosseyway, SLD, Oasis Academy (Hengrove), Ashton SSP.

Chris Collacott, Whitehouse PRU, The Bridge LC (Hartcliffe), Ashton SSP.

Simon Rosen, Gay Elms ARB, Merchants Academy, Ashton SSP (Temp funding)

No designated person so Pat Rogers head, Ilminster Ave nursery SEN unit, Oasis Academy (Hengrove), Ashton SSP, (Temp funding)

Andy Gowell, Bristol Gateway BESD, Oasis Brightstowe/ St.Bedes, St.Bedes SSP.

Nathan Ford, Elmfield DEAF, Oasis Brightstowe/ Fairfield, St.Bedes SSP.

Richard Yandell, Kingsweston MLD, SLD, ASD, Oasis Brightstowe/ Henbury, St.Bedes SSP.

Matt Donovan, Ruth, Claremont SLD, Cotham/ Redland Green, St.Bedes SSP.

Mark Richards, Woodstock BESD, St.Bedes, St.Bedes SSP.

Jill Williams, Bluebell Valley nursery SEN unit, Oasis Brightstowe, St.Bedes SSP. (no official funds, support and invites only)

Mary Snow, Lynx Unit SLD/MLD/PI, at BEC, CAB SSP(no official funds, support and invites only)

Jeanette Noerr, ASD Unit at BEC, CAB SSP (no official funds, support and invites only)

Peter Clayton Special Schools Sports Coordinator, three SSPs.

Heather Beach, PDM CAB School Sport Partnership (SSP)

Lesley Kenny, PDM, St. Bedes (SSP)

Cherry Kraus PDM, Ashton Park (SSP)

## In Focus: Hospital Education Service



Hospital Education Service pupil, Kite Flying at Ashton Court Summer 2009.

The Hospital Education Service is a complicated set up which has been part of the Ashton SSP since the expansion phase in Bristol Sports Partnerships in 2004. Martyn Carter acted as the Special Link Teacher for several years but combining this role with acting Headship proved difficult to allocate sufficient time. Recently the Hospital Service has gained a new head, and he has given responsibility to 2 teachers, Dave Cheeseman and Joanna Pike to develop PE across the board. This is no small under taking as the service operates on several sites working with a wide range of needs. Over the last year and a half, the Hospital service has received 3 seperate modules of alternative multi sport input from Peter Clayton, input from Sue Anderson and Barry D (Ashton Parks Community coaches) The Service has attended OAA Days in Leigh Woods and the Mendips. They have also taken part in Kite Flying and Disc Sports workshops at Ashton Court. Both students from the “groups” unit based in Montpellier and also home tutored pupils attended. The Lumsden Walker Unit, in Montpellier, have also received a multi sports module from Peter C and Barry D. Cherry Kraus PDM, has kindly allocated some funding to aid provision. All the best Jo and Dave.