



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

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

### All Abilities Cycling Project



The All Ability Cycle Project is beginning to gain momentum with 4 special schools in Bristol now having attended a session or booked a module for terms 3 and 4 (Spring 2011). The original funding came through Aiming High for disabled children, and Bristol City Council. Abigail Smith at the council took initial responsibility for the project with the tender for bike supply and training going to Cycling Projects Wheels For All (based in Warrington). Bristol based charity Lifecycle and Emma Downey ( Bikeability lead tutor) then became involved, and schools promotion began. The cycles are presently stored at St.Pauls Adventure Playground after consulting Briarwood school and also the Create Centre as possible venues. The cycles can be transported so future events/ expeditions and picnic outings are a possibility.



Emma Downey is presently coordinating modules of cycling at St.Pauls for BEC ASD unit, Kingsweston, and 2 groups from New Fosseway. Briarwood Post 16 have already attended a try out session. The sessions are excellent fun and fully Inclusive for a wide range of needs and ability groups. Vin and the staff based at St.Pauls adventure playground are friendly and welcoming with alternative play and explore equipment on offer to extend your cycling session. Toilets and indoor facilities are also available at the site. If you have not yet responded to the emailed fliers then please contact Emma Downey for school bookings through [road.safety@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@bristol.gov.uk) or phone 01179224383.



## Focus on Illminster Avenue Specialist Nursery



Rachel Bell, the link for PE at Illminster Ave specialist nursery, has really become fully involved with the SSCo programme over the last 9 months, attending partnership days, meetings and bringing her pupils along to the annual KS1 special schools multi sports/skills event. They also for the first time attended the OAA Woodland challenge at Leigh Woods in Oct 2010. The pupils enjoyed themselves so much that the video that Rachel made, is now watched every day!!

The Special Needs Unit of approx 16 pupils across KS1, is based within the Illminster Ave Nursery provision. The pupils have a range of needs (PI, SLD, SI) and on reaching KS2 would transfer to a range of special schools and some with support to mainstream.

Rachel has recently been loaned a wide range of Inclusive and Adapted PE equipment and have booked Peter Clayton to deliver a module of workshops using the new equipment. Nice One, Rachel.

## Invasion Games Festival

### St.Brendans Sixth Form College, 24th Nov 2010.

Jane Whittock organised the well established annual Invasion Games Festival run for the second time in conjunction with St.Brendans young leaders. The event included various stations that were aimed at developing a wide range of ball skills and invasion games skills.

The Schools attending were: New Siblands, 3 Ways, Westhaven, Fosseyway, Ravenswood and representing Bristol were New Fosseyway.

The pupils were aged KS2 and 3, with SLD, MLD, PI and SI. The Final number for attending was 60 pupils.

Well done Jane and the young leaders.



## Workshop Delivery Terms 2, 3 and 4

### Workshop Modules (Curriculum Enhancement)

Schools and units that were able to attend the last whole Bristol special schools cluster meeting at Briarwood on 19th Oct 2010 were given priority in selecting dates and activities for curriculum development/enrichment workshops. The offered activities are Power Kite Flying, Disc Sports (Frisbee variations), Golf (tri, extreme, snag and standard golf equipment), Sport Cup Stacking/Circus Skills, Adapted and alternative multi sport activity (includes parachute, boccia, new age Kurling, table cricket, polybat, floor lacrosse, goalball, wheelchair football, seated volleyball etc).

Dates were made available each Thursday through terms 2, 3 and 4, up to the Easter holidays. If you are not booked on to a taster or module yet and would like to, please contact me asap to check the last few remaining free dates. There will be further dates available in terms 5 and 6.



### Woodstock Kite Flying and Disc Sports modules

Well what can I say about the weather for Woodstocks Kite Flying module in November 2010, apart from that we were lucky to not lose some of the pupils over the trees. The wind and rain for the sessions was persistent but activity carried on regardless and pupils gave positive feedback about the power kites. Pupils at Woodstock are organised in 6 classes (across KS1 and 2), and are each working with Mark Richards (PE link at the school) for specific curriculum input. The use of the local community and to work with visiting colleagues/ deliverers is one part of the work Mark is offering the pupils. Sessions in kite Flying took place at Blaise Castle estate, a beautiful short walk from the Woodstock school site. Well done Woodstock.

## Forthcoming Events

The annual events calendar, given out to staff attending the last special schools cluster meeting at Briarwood school in Oct 2010, has obviously been largely affected by the government cutbacks. Some events will no longer be funded and some which were the responsibility of competition managers are still to be planned for. (the comp managers will lose all their funding as of March 2011).

However I will contact you on an event by event basis rather than issue another altered and highly changeable annual calendar.

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the listed events then please contact me via email. The fliers and info posters will all be distributed in good time before each of the events.

Note some events have yet to be added to planner.

### Events Until Easter 2011

- Kwik Cricket, 20th Jan (schools prebooked and contact)
- Kwik Cricket, 3rd Feb (schools prebooked and contacted)
- Kwik Cricket, 4th Feb (finals day) -all Chris Munden
- PMLD Dance, 2ND Feb, Briarwood, TBC, (Pete C)
- Target Games, 11th Feb, UWE.( Pete C)
- PMLD hydro/Rebound, 14th Feb. TBC, (Pete C)
- ASD multi sports event, 11th March, UWE (Pete C)
- Table Cricket, regional, 22nd March, (Jane W, Pete C)
- Table Cricket, fun event, 23rd March, (Jane W)
- Swimming Gala, pan disability, 28th March, (PC, JA)
- PMLD Net Sports, 30th March, TBC, (Pete C)
- Bristol FOSS x3, 4th, 5th, 6th April 2011, (Robbie Fox)

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## Cluster PE Link teachers/staff 2010/11

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

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 Julie Lodge, Notton House EBD, Bristol Brunel Academy, CAB SSP.  
 Rob Sales, St.Matthias PRU, SMRT, CAB SSP.  
 Jules Cook, Meriton, Young Parents, CAB, CAB SSP.  
 Dave Cheeseman, Joanne Pike, Hospital Service PRU, no geographical cluster, Ashton SSP  
 Gavin Bradshaw, Florence Brown, BESD, MLD, The Bridge LC (Hartcliffe), Ashton SSP.  
 Katie Murison,, New Fosseway, SLD, The Bridge LC, Ashton SSP.  
 Chris Collacott, Whitehouse PRU, The Bridge LC, Ashton SSP.  
 Simon Rosen, Gay Elms ARB, Merchants Academy, Ashton SSP (Temp funding)  
 Rachel Bell, Ilminster Ave nursery SEN unit, Oasis Academy (Hengrove), Ashton SSP (no funds)  
 Andy Gowell, Bristol Gateway BESD, Oasis Brightstowe/ St.Bedes, St.Bedes SSP.  
 Nathan Ford, Elmfield DEAF, Oasis Brightstowe/ Fairfield, St.Bedes SSP.  
 James Bessex, Kingsweston MLD, SLD, ASD, Oasis Brightstowe/ Henbury, St.Bedes SSP.  
 Matt Donovan/ Andrea, Claremont SLD, Cotham/ Redland Green, St.Bedes SSP.  
 Mark Richards, Woodstock BESD, St.Bedes, Henbury, 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)  
 Anthony Wolfe, 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)

## Other News

### Funding Cuts to SSPs

Since the governments spending review cuts announced on the 20th Oct 2010, there has been a huge media and grass roots campaign to fight against the immediate crass cuts. This continued at pace until the government announced over the xmas period a slight turn around in that PDMs and SSCos will remain in post until Aug 31st 2011. Unfortunately PLT funding and Competition Managers will have no further funds from end of March 2011. From the years Sept 2011 till Aug 2013 every secondary school will have funding to release a teacher to develop competition for one day per week. It is not yet stated if secondary aged special schools and PRUs are included in this funding. Also there is no definitive detail as to how individual schools are to structure this funding.

As you can imagine the effects of these cuts will be massive in particular to primary and special schools. NGBs are not in place to take over any extra delivery of events that are currently delivered by the network of sports coordinators and competition managers. Some NGB funded events will hopefully continue but there will be no central organisation/promotion of these and it would appear that the situation in special schools and units will become insular and fragmented (a position that many colleagues will remember as existing up until 2001 in this region).

With the possible/probable scenario of there being no central special schools sports coordinator in place, as of August 2011.

Over the next few months I would hope to set up meetings with each of you (and heads where appropriate) to establish a basic programme of achievable, self organised and supported events for the academic year 2011-2012 and beyond. We would be looking at establishing families of schools and units with similar needs across Bristol (and with regional schools where appropriate), who can meet and plan events with a minimum of funding. To utilise school facilities and to manage without external coach/teacher input. Obviously this work is time consuming and so it would rely on each teacher with responsibility for PE, being able to contribute equally to the future Bristol special schools/unit sporting landscape. Some colleagues may remember the organisation BASSSA, which is still financially valid and could quickly be fully re-established, meetings taking place in evenings.

Each of the PDMs, Cherry Kraus, Lesley Kenny and Heather Beach has approached the news of cuts differently and each manger has communicated directly with all PLTs and Heads at all schools to explain their thoughts on the cutbacks.

At the moment then, watch this space!!

Peter Clayton Jan 2011.