



East Midlands Children and Young People Newsletter for the 2012 Games

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Introduction from Gaynor...

October has been a momentous month. The Comprehensive Spending Review brought news of the government's decision to end funding for School Sports Partnerships. At this point it is hard to envisage what will happen to PE and school sport if we lose an infrastructure that has taken over a decade to build and which so many of us value highly. The hope has to be that school leaders across clusters, districts and local authorities will have seen the worth of what the SSPs have delivered and seek to preserve them in some shape or form. Much of my work on 2012 Legacy to date has involved links through PDMs, SSCos and PLTs so to them I offer my congratulations on the excellent work done over time to promote physical education and sport. School leaders, the Torch is in your hands.



The positive aspect of October, sports-wise, was the **Commonwealth Games** in Delhi. Many East Midlands athletes performed very well, especially swimmers like Mansfield's **Rebecca Adlington** and **Liam Tancock** (pictured left with Young Ambassadors) who trains at Loughborough. It was pleasing to see that by the end of the Games the Indian government was making strong efforts to involve school children in the Games. It was a good Games too for India's women. Their 1,2,3 in the discus and exciting 4 x 400 win were highlights for me and could seal a sporting Legacy for millions of women.

Our own youngsters must have been inspired by 16 year old **Tom Daley** whose double gold makes him one of our brightest hopes for London 2012. He was brilliant. I should imagine he will cause a stir when he comes to Loughborough in 2012 to collect his **Team GB** kit!

I was absolutely delighted when October's **Get Set** figures were sent through to me by the London 2012 team. Get Set Network membership in the **East Midlands** has shot up to **71!** Only three other regions (London, South East and East) have more and they, of course, will all be staging Olympic and Paralympic action. Thank you to all those who have seen the potential of Get Set Network membership in ensuring meaningful involvement in London 2012 for their pupils. It has become even easier to join with no uploads required and Young Ambassadors may now apply. Email me at g.nash@lboro.ac.uk if you need any support.

I was invited to an exciting assembly at **Christ Church and St Peter's Primary, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire** to celebrate their Network status. The youngsters from reception upwards came into assembly behind the flags of 13 different countries, with each national anthem played. They had made headgear to represent their country (the French class had mini-Eiffel Towers on their heads) and each class had also been thinking about



an Olympic or Paralympic value which a class representative told the assembly about. The Head used the **Heroes PowerPoint** from Get Set resources and related his memories of attending the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh with heroes like Ian Stewart. We had a fake Olympic cauldron (red and orange cellophane flames powered by a fan). Brilliant! Best wishes all,

Gaynor

Around the region:



I visited **Leighfield Primary** in **Uppingham, Rutland** and delivered an assembly on the Olympic and Paralympic mascots, **Wenlock** and **Mandeville**. I was reminded again of the power of the London 2012 Mascot DVD and their lovely story created by Michael Morpurgo.

The children laughed and oohed and aahed in all the right places. Will you, like Leighfield, be entering the mascot competition?

<http://getset.london2012.com/en/educators/get-set-to-make-your-mascot>

Bilborough College is the first in **Nottingham** to achieve Network status and the first 6th Form College in the region to join. Assistant Principal, Fred Ward, said: *“The College has a wide range of cultures and nationalities and we intend to use the GET SET and Olympic values, alongside our current embedded values, to celebrate our differences and help the continuing education of students and staff about our different values and cultures.”* The picture shows the College’s elite athletes with the College Principal and Assistant Principal.



It is countdown time for **Lincolnshire** which will stage the East Midlands pilot for the Government’s planned ‘Olympic-style’ sports competition. Lincolnshire will be planning activity for three parts of the county: Lincoln, the Wolds and Grantham. Discussions are taking place as to which sports the Lincolnshire competitions will feature.

Congratulations to colleagues in **Northamptonshire** where Get Set registrations rose by over 18% between July and October. Judging from the enthusiasm I saw when attending a PLT event in Northampton last month there will soon be many more. The next biggest rise at over 12% was in **Derbyshire** and there were positive signs of high activity at South Derbyshire’s Partnership event and their recent well-attended Sports Conference had a strong London 2012 theme. **Leicester City**, whose Chief Executive is looking for 100% registration by Christmas, stays out in front with over 65% of Leicester schools signed up. The regional average is 55.03% ; we still have two authorities below 45% and I will be working with colleagues to raise this in November and December.



Finally, November sees the second phase of **Empowered** the regional project linking the 2012 values to the heptathlon events. Go to <http://empoweredcyp.org.uk/#/empowered-project/4540615322> to access this Inspire Mark resource. The Inspiration/High Jump competition will close on January 31st 2011.