



East Midlands Children and Young People Newsletter for the 2012 Games

July 2010

Introduction from Gaynor...

July's report begins with some really good news: the **East Midlands** was the region with most new **Get Set** registrations between May and July, rising by an impressive 5.41% so that 45.80% of the region's schools are now connected to the London 2012 education resource.

Particular congratulations to **Leicester** which had a 12.59% rise, the third highest nationally. Leicester's Chief Executive has made 100% registration a target for the city's Heads and this, coupled with work I have done with SSCos, is reaping rewards. **Rutland** at 64.29% still tops the region.

No news yet on additional **Get Set Network** schools but I know that several schools were putting the finishing touches to applications towards the end of the summer term.

In the meantime if you have a good story to tell about your work with children and young people please contact me at G.Nash@lboro.ac.uk

Best wishes
Gaynor



As was briefly mentioned in June's report, some existing **Get Set Network** schools received special accolades or opportunities in late June and early July **South Wolds** from **Nottinghamshire** won a European award for innovation in Secondary Languages for the **Musubi** project, developed in conjunction with me and staff at Loughborough University. The photo shows teacher Anne Rajakumar and students with me, Nick Wilkinson from the University and the Arsenal mascot, Gunnensaurus.

Derby Moor in **Derby** had a visit during National School Sports Week from recently retired GB badminton star Donna Kellogg. She formally presented Young Ambassadors with the school's **Get Set Network** plaque and watched pupils taking part in cricket and rounders activities as part of the Lloyds TSB National Schools Sports Week.



Students from **Wreake Valley College** in **Leicestershire** won a pilot competition organised by Business Language Champions and Leicestershire Education Business Company and me. They planned a Pre Games Training Camp for a non-English speaking nation. They chose Algeria and French. Their prize was a trip to **Canary Wharf** and the **Olympic Park**, a memorable day that young people from other parts of the East Midlands will be able to compete for in the new school year. As the

photo shows, they met Tim Henman and Ade Adepitan at Canary Wharf as well as Jonathan Edwards and just missing Jacques Rogge.



Nottingham did a fantastic job of hosting the Women's Champions Trophy in July at Beeston Hockey Club with England's women exceeding past results by winning bronze medals. Another winner was the region's Further Education Sports Volunteer of the Year, Connor Hardy from South Nottingham College. He and College staff were guests of England Hockey Board at the event and he received his award and some hockey kit from President and former Olympian, Simon Mason.

I was based in the Fun Zone for much of the event, meeting young people from around the region and beyond. There were welcome but unfamiliar scenes with England's women being mobbed by autograph hunting youngsters – shades of international games at Wembley from a long time ago. The players, who included West Bridgford girl, Helen Richardson, were surprised but delighted at the interest the Champions Trophy had generated. What more might we be able to expect at London 2012?



Some people have derided them but when Paralympic mascot Mandeville paid a visit to **Get Set Network** school, Robert Smyth in **Leicestershire** and Moulton College in **Northamptonshire** children and young people were captivated. Mandeville helped in the warm up for primary school children from the Harborough Partnership and then linked up with pupils from Rowan Gate Special School, Wellingborough, for riding lessons. As a **Get Set Network** school Robert Smyth was able to bid for a mascot visit. Rowan Gate is

the region's first Special School in the Network. Join the Get Set Network and maybe your school will be welcoming Wenlock or Mandeville in the autumn term.

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Almost 56% of the region's schools got involved in Lloyds TSB National School Sports Week in 2010, we would like to get that to 70% in 2011

The Government has started a consultation on its Olympic/Paralympic style schools competition plans which will end on 15/10/2010. Your County Sports Partnership will have all the details.

A London 2012 shop has opened at St Pancras International and many more products are now available online. I am very pleased with my purchase of a Wenlock 2012 pin badge and a Limited Edition mug!

The region was full of activity for Open Weekend July 23-25, much of it aimed at children and young people. Please let me know what you thought of it.

Finally, as I am sure you know, July 27th saw a new milestone, 2 Years to the opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games. That is scarily close!