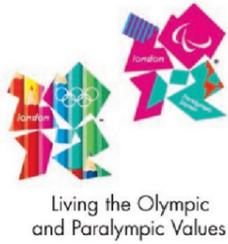


As part of the Olympic Legacy
Tameside SSP are offering
YOUR Primary School...



The SCHOOL GAMES Challenge Day!



This is the latest initiative to engage more pupils in high quality Physical Education and School Sport through the four levels of the School Games. Here's a little more information about the day!

- ⇒ Aimed at year 6 pupils to develop physical activity, literacy skills, teamwork, self-managing, creative thinking and reflective learning skills, all of which are Personal Learning Thinking Skills!
- ⇒ Pupils work as part of a team in planning and writing their own newspaper article based on the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- ⇒ They work as part of a team in designing their own opening ceremony including 'Spirit of the Games' oaths for the competitors, officials and coaches.
- ⇒ Pupils then design their very own Olympic Event and task card including roles for officials, coaches and participants. They later teach their event to the rest of the class.
- ⇒ Throughout this day pupils will learn and develop their understanding of the 'Spirit of the School Games' and the Olympic and Paralympic Values through a fun and inspiring day!
- ⇒ This day is offered to all schools in the Tameside School Sport Partnership (FREE to schools in the enhanced membership package, £250 to schools in the core membership package).
- ⇒ To book your School Games Day, contact Rachel Whitehead at rachel.whitehead@newcharteracademy.org.uk !

NEWS It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Alex Williams sadly passed away on the 1st August. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time. Here is a tribute by Emma Heap, to an inspirational young man!



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Alex Williams—A Tribute...

Alex Williams was and still is an inspiration. He was a leader, a role model and friend to many who will not yet believe that this special person has gone. He had overcome many barriers yet packed so much into his short life. His strength kept many people going, including his family and not many people will know that he was in pain a lot of the time- he never once showed it. He didn't want the Meningitis he contracted when he was 7 to ruin his life and would find other ways of doing things. Nothing was a barrier to him. Alex loved sport and wanted to make sure that he carried that on, even if he had to get into his wheelchair and join in that way. Through school he attended Active8 sessions- a scheme aiming to promote inclusion and talent in school competition.



Young Ambassador and instantly made an impact. His legacy. He then became a School Games Ambassador at County level. He felt privileged to be selected as one and took his role very seriously showing VIPs round the event & encouraging the children. So many people came up to me and said what a lovely lad he was and how he was doing Tameside proud. We knew this already. He was then given the opportunity to be an Olympic Torch Bearer- nominated by lots of people in the borough. He couldn't believe he had been picked out of all the people



The Young Ambassador scheme ran by Tameside School Sports Partnership and the Youth Sports Trust was next for Alex. 5 special young people are selected from each borough because of their leadership skills, their inspirational lives, their talent in sport and in particular because they are amazing role models. It was an easy decision to select Alex as one.

who he says 'deserved it more'. What a great day he had over in Hindley on 31st May. His family was so proud. I have never seen him look so happy.



Alex soon became a regular at school competitions with his role as a Young Ambassador - especially the cheerleading which he always wanted to be the DJ! He would encourage every single child to do their best and enjoy the experience. He also volunteered at Tameside Titans disability club- mainly at the dance club, and also on summer disability sports

Through his role, he got to meet some special people such as Olympians and national athletes, one of which was Gymnast Craig Heap, who became an inspiration to Alex. Alex wanted to do a similar school assembly to Craig and make the same impact that Craig did on the pupils who watched it. Alex and I got together and talked about what he would want in an assembly. I told him to come up with a slogan. He did- 'Believe and Achieve'. He didn't need to explain why.



campus for Sports Development. He wanted to make sure that children with disabilities knew that they could achieve anything they want. Alex soon won some more awards to add to his expanding collection - 'Tameside Sports Volunteer of the Year' at the boroughs Sports Awards and then 'Greater Manchester Volunteer of the Year'. He was somehow shocked how he won these awards, he just thought that there were so many more people who deserved it more than him. That summed Alex up!

In his last 2 months he travelled round the boroughs primary schools delivering assemblies as a Young Ambassador for Sport and for the Meningitis Trust. I watched nearly every assembly as the children sat mesmerised by his amazing story- not just that, it was the way he talked to them. He inspired them in a way that no one else could ever do. He was funny, passionate, motivating and honest. I would get an email from every single teacher after the assembly saying how wonderful Alex was and the same words were always used- inspiring, enthusiastic, dedicated.

He soon became a Platinum Young Ambassador mentoring the younger Ambassadors. A role he relished. He was so inspired with the scheme that he approached the Meningitis trust to become their first

Alex will be missed by everyone who he inspired. We are devastated to lose him but his legacy will live on in sport. Like Alex said 'Believe in yourself and you will achieve whatever you want in life'.

Good bye Alex Williams!

(By Emma Heap)



Keep up to date with all the latest information from Tameside SSP by following us on Twitter! It's a great way to keep informed of where we are in the borough and the fantastic work we are observing from yourselves! You can follow us by searching for @tamesidessp on twitter.



Olympic Round Up!

Paralympians Visit Astley!



Paralympic swimmers Heather Fredrickson and Louise Watkin made a visit to Astley Sports College as part of the Get Set programme. The swimmers gave an excellent presentation on their experience competing and training and gave examples of all of the cultures and countries visited. Students then had the opportunity to hold Bronze, Silver and Gold medals won by Heather and Louise at the Beijing Paralympic games.

Since their visit, they have gone on to represent Team GB in the London 2012 Paralympic Games winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals between them.

It is hoped that Heather and Louise will return back to Astley to show off their London 2012 medals in the Autumn term.

Droylsden Academy pupil Rebecca Tunney helped the Great Britain women's Gymnastics team to a sixth place at the London 2012 Olympic Games! It was the best performance by a female British team since the bronze medal of 1928!

The women had performed superbly at the North Greenwich arena to make the final with several brilliant performances by Rebecca as she displayed her quality.

Rebecca who is also the current British all-around champion, then turned her thoughts to the individual all-around final which she gave an impressive performance to finish in 13th place, a fantastic achievement and the best by any GB female gymnast at the London 2012 Olympics.

The Droylsden academy student is the youngest member of the GB squad and has been the focus of the world's media as she produced a number of stunning routines, although ahead of the games she said: "It doesn't make a big difference to me, but to everybody else it's a big deal, but to me it just feels normal!"

Cheered on by a partisan crowd Rebecca clearly thrived on the big occasion and with Britain's number one gymnast Beth Tweddle coming to the end of her career, Rebecca is seen as the heir apparent.

Well done Rebecca!

Droylsden Academy Student Performs at London 2012!



Target Hit for Neil!

Neil Foden, a member of Stalybridge Archery club was selected to be one of the judges at the Olympic Games in London. The archery tournaments ran from 27th July to 4th August. It's was a fantastic honour for Neil commented that he was proud to have been selected to be apart of such a fantastic event in this country.



Tameside Young Ambassador Volunteers at London 2012!

This summer I was lucky enough to be part of the London 2012 Olympic Games. I applied for this position through volunteering I had previously done with The FA. After completing two years of the application process I was delighted to be chosen for this once in a lifestyle opportunity.

As part of my role I had to ensure the players, managers and officials were looked after! I had access to the pitch where I really enjoyed being up close to the action. It was fantastic to work behind the scenes at Wembley especially with it being such a high profile event. The atmosphere inside the stadium was something special and the women's GB v Brazil was m particularly impressive. I worked alongside some great volunteers and I also got to meet some of the famous faces such as Powell, and Stuart Pearce.

Being part of a great games was an amazing experience and I am proud to have contributed. The power of volunteers in sport is something that is often overlooked yet the games helped the nation to appreciate their irreplaceable value. I hope it inspires many generations to come!



Level 3 GM Summer School Games Success!



On Tuesday 3rd July school from the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester joined together at Sport City to compete in the Level 3 Greater Manchester Summer School Games competition. In this Olympic and Paralympic year over 1800 athletes battled it out to be crowned the winners of their events. In true Olympic and Paralympic style, the event was kick started with a fantastic opening ceremony at Sport City which was hosted by Key 103 and involved a variety of Dance, Music and Artistic Performances, including a special guest appearance from X-Factor Semi Finalist Misha B. A total of 14 teams from schools in Tameside did us proud at the event. **St Thomas More RC College finished 10th** and a mixed team of **West Hill School and Fairfield High School for Girls finished 11th** in the Year 7 Quadkids event with **Megan McHugh** from Fairfield High School for Girls finishing in 1st place individually in the girls events and **Lewis Thompson** from West Hill School finishing in 1st place individually in the boys events. **Samuel Laycock**



went on to finish in 3rd place in the Disability Quadkids. In the year 5 and 6 High 5 Netball **St Mary's RC Primary School finished 6th** overall with **Dane Bank Primary School finishing in 12th place.** **St. Christopher's RC Primary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School** were the representatives in the year 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 Tri Golf. **Dowson Primary School finished 9th** in the year 5/6 Mini Basketball. The year 7 and 8 girls Tag Rugby saw **St Thomas More RC College and Hyde Community College finishing in 6th and 12th place.** **Copley High School finished in 8th place** in the year 7 and 8 tennis tournament and **St John Fisher RC Primary School and Stalyhill Junior School finished in 6th place** in the year 3 and 4 Mini Tennis Tournament. **Alder Community High gained 2nd place** in a hotly contested final, sadly missing out on 1st place due to a penalty shoot-out! A great day was had by all and a big congratulations to all who competed in the games!



Are you signed up to the 2012-2013 Package?

Tameside School Sports Partnership (SSP) is now a traded service as well as a statutory service. This means that whilst all schools are part of the SSP, we also offer an enhanced membership for those schools who are keen to drive forward PE & school sport. Many schools became members last year and saw benefits!

Core Service – FREE—including:

- Teacher & whole school Support
- Support for School Games development (intra & inter school competition).

Enhanced Membership - £500 per year, including:

- Up-to-date information, advice and guidance on Government policy and guidelines, new initiatives and developments such as the new national School Games Kite Mark Accreditation & Ofsted
- Membership of and access to a network of professionals with similar roles (good practice)
- Support with raising attainment levels through PE with experienced teachers
- Free Olympic legacy business challenge days for whole class (worth £250)
- Regular dedicated 1 to 1 time with a Partnership Development Manager to advise on school planning for sport & PE
- Free access to CPD for teachers: 'KS1 – developing physical literacy', 'KS2- start to move', 'KS2 leadership'
- Support for development, writing and implementation of action plans and policies
- Free Change4Life equipment (worth £500) and resources

Tameside Secondary Olympics!

For the first time Tameside Secondary Schools hosted their very own Tameside Olympics in inspire their pupils. The events incorporated Olympic sports such as swimming, handball and trampolining alongside off the blocks Athletics, Athletic relays and indoor rowing. The quality of performance was extreme highly with all performers competing at their very best. Out of the six events the best scores from the top four events are all added to find the overall winners for the girls and boys competitions. A massive congratulations to **Fairfield High School for Girls and Hyde Community College** for winning the overall girls and boys competitions.



Tameside Olympics Results - Girls		
	School	Points
1	Fairfield	52
2	Longdendale	45
3	St Thomas More	44
4	Copley	43
5	Hyde	40
6	All Saints	39
7	New Charter Academy	35
8	Alder	33
= 8	Mossley Hollins	33
10	Astley	25
11	Droylsden	16
12	St Damians	12
13	Denton	12

Tameside Olympics Results - Boys		
	School	Points
1	Hyde	52
2	West Hill	50
3	St Thomas More	48
= 4	Alder	47
= 4	Mossley Hollins	47
6	Copley	46
7	Astley	35
8	New Charter Academy	34
9	Audenshaw	33
10	Droylsden	27
11	All Saints	26
12	Longdendale	20

Team Tameside Win at Leigh Sports Village!

In a level 3 Athletics event at Leigh Sports Village, TEAM TAMESIDE were victorious against teams from the other Boroughs of Greater Manchester. The event was watched by Shelley Holroyd from England Athletics as the athletes competed in sprints, jumps and throws. The team representing Tameside were pupils from **Samuel Laycock School**. Winning the first three sprint events the team got off to a perfect start. This was followed by two marvellous runs from year 7 pupils to pinch third places. Christina Stones took another victory in the Cerebral Palsy 60m category before the heavens opened. After a brief halt the event continued with wins in Senior Girls Shot Put and Silver in the Boys. We took another win in the junior Shot put followed by victories in the Junior and Senior Long Jump. Ryan Gorst, Montel Browne, Paula McCann and Christina Stones were all invited to an England Athletics Talent CAMP to be held at Leigh Harriers in July. On the same weekend Chloe knight, Alex Teasdale and Jason Cotton represent The North West in the DSE National Athletics Finals at Warwick University. These three have now left school but are continued to be supported.



By Ernie Greenwood

Hawthorns National School Sports Week!

Hawthorns Community School held their very own Olympics and Paralympic Games as pupils kicked off the week with an opening ceremony. Later pupils participated in events such as high jump, boccia and seated volleyball to name a few. Well done to Hawthorns for their inspirational National School Sports Week in the lead up to the London Olympic and Paralympic Games!



Copley Divas Cheer to Success!

As well as being Tameside Champions for the past 4 years, they are now UKCA's National Street Cheer Champions and also hold 2nd place Nationally as Pom Dance Champions. They competed against 10 other teams from across the UK at the Manchester Velodrome on Sunday 24th June to win their new title. The team, made up of 22 pupils from Key Stage 3 have worked tirelessly over the past few months to make sure their poppin and kickin was tight for Street Cheer and that their toe touches were high and pointed ready for Nationals. Miss Cunningham, their coach, was extremely proud of them and said that they deserved their new title! Go Divas!!!!



Olympic Torch Visits St James' RC Primary School!

The torch was part of our fantastic opening ceremony to start our Olympic month and all the children dressed in national costumes and paraded in to appropriate music. Each country provided a display and now all the children and staff are working towards medals for their teams instead of merits for themselves.



Olympic Challenge Day Exhibition!

Over the last six months Tameside School Sport Partnership has been offering Olympic Challenge Days to year 6 pupils across the borough. The day consisted of pupils working as part of a team in planning, designing and building their own Olympic Stadium developing teamwork skills, self-managing skills, creative thinking skills and reflective thinking skills, all of which are PLTs! Pupils then completed a PE session and carried out a Dragons Den style presentation to try and sell their Stadium to the rest of the class! The day was delivered in the following 23 schools; **Millbrook Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, Aldwyn Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Canon Burrows CE Primary School, St John Fisher RC Primary School, St James' CE Primary School, Flowery Field Primary School, Holden Clough Community Primary School, Livingstone Primary School, Audenshaw Primary School, Buckton Vale Primary School, The Heys Primary School, Broadoak Primary School, Bradley Green Primary School, Silver Springs Academy Primary School, Moorside Primary School, Arlies Primary School, Manor Green Primary School and St Peter's CE Primary School, Hollingworth Primary School, St George's CE Primary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School** inspiring around 1100

pupils across Tameside! The winning group from each school was then invited to showcase their stadium at an exhibition held at New Charter Academy. The exhibition was attended by Philip Millson from Philip Millson Associates Property Consultants, Chris O'Dell New Charter Housing's Youth Work Co-ordinator and Alex Williams a Young Ambassador for Tameside. The three guests cast their opinions over the stadiums in order to find an overall winning stadium for Tameside. After much deliberation and discussion **Audenshaw Primary School** were crowned the overall winning group. The pupils in this group won Olympic tickets to the Men's Quarter Final Football match at Old Trafford on Saturday 4th August.



National School Sports Week at Alder Community High School...

To celebrate the National School Sports Week Alder Community High School ran a variety of events and extra curricular activities to get as many students and staff involved as possible. On Monday 25th June we held a whole school enrichment day where every lesson in school will have a sporting theme. Students participated in lessons including Olympic logo design, composing anthems, drugs testing, the history of the Olympics and creating computer games based on sprinting! Students were invited to dress in 'red,



white and blue' non-uniform for the day with the money raised being donated to support the training of our future hopeful Paralympian Jade Mullin. Monday 25th June also saw 'World Food Day' in the canteen where students sampled different foods from around the world and we also held 'Free Fruit Week' where students could have a free piece of fruit as a healthy snack every break time. In PE lessons students throughout the week participated in inter house competitions in alternative and inclusive sports such as seated Volleyball, American Football and Parkour plus we ran a variety of events at lunchtime including staff and students Dodgeball, reverse tug-of-war and Gladiators with the help of our year 10 Sports Leaders. After school activities included Volleyball, Rounders, Table Tennis & Football to name a few!

We will also have competed in the Tameside Olympics Rowing event which was a great competition to be a part of. Friday 29th June should have seen the culmination of our week when our annual Track & Field day should have been held for years 7-10 but this has had to be postponed due to bad weather. The afternoon track finals will, however, begin with an opening ceremony including Dance, Cheerleading and Music as well as an introduction of the competitors who will complete one lap of the track with banners and posters made by their form groups as well as year 11 student Emma Hayes who was part of the London 2012 torch relay. There will also be a staff v students relay event and some special edition 2012 gold medals for the winners of each discipline! (J. Hill, Alder Community High School)

School Kite Mark Update...



As mentioned in previous newsletters the Youth Sport Trust has introduced the new Kite Marking system in order to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. There are a number of pre-requisites that schools have to meet in order to be eligible to apply for Kitemark at any level. Some of these pre-requisites include being registered for the School Games and registered on the GetSet Network, a dedicated notice board and evidence of a commitment and promotion of the School Games values. There are 3 levels of the kite marking bronze, silver and gold which awards can be gained for two years. So far **Hurst Knoll Primary School, Aldwyn Primary School, Dowson Primary School, St John Fisher RC Primary School and Flowery Field Primary School** have received a bronze status with **Holden Clough Community Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Arlies Primary School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School, The Heys Primary School, Greswell Primary, Audenshaw Primary School, Pinfold Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School and Astley Sports College**, all receiving Silver status! A massive congratulations to all these schools who have completed the award so far!



Where Exactly are Wenlock and Mandeville?

Have you had Wenlock or Mandeville come to your school with their diary? As you know, we were hoping to document the build-up to the Games and to do this we sent the mascots off on their travels around the borough. The diaries will be shown in a museum exhibition as part of the Cultural Olympiad in Tameside. Hopefully they have visited as many Primary Schools around Tameside as possible but where exactly are Wenlock and Mandeville? If your school has one of the mascots please could you get in contact with Emma or Rachel!

Attention All Active8 Schools!!

Ernie Greenwood at Samuel Laycock School is offering a free equipment borrowing service! There is equipment such as New Age Kurling and Boccia. It will run on a half-termly basis where the equipment can be collected and signed for and then returned to Ernie prior to the half term holidays. Both equipment sets are simple games that can be played with any ability pupil. The kurling stones run on ball bearings and would need an indoor surface such as a sports hall or gym. Boccia can be played in or outdoors as it is like bowls but you toss them in the air rather than roll them along the floor, similar to French Boules. Any department interested contact Ernie Greenwood in September at de.greenwood@ntlworld.com.



Young Ambassadors Celebrate the Olympic Games!

In the build up to the Olympic Games the Young Ambassadors ventured out on their own Torch Relay, touring Tameside with the winning torch from the Primary Schools' 'Design an Olympic Torch' competition. Congratulations to Canon Burrows CE Primary School for coming first, and to Broadoak Primary School 2nd and Stalyhill Junior School 3rd.

The Young Ambassadors visited **Canon Burrows CE Primary School, Parochial CE Primary School, The Heys Primary School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Primary School, Holden Clough Community Primary School, Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Canon Johnson CE Primary School, Broadbent Fold Primary School, Ravens Primary School, Aldwyn Primary School, Audenshaw Primary School, Hollingworth Primary School, Stalyhill Junior School, Moorside Primary School, Micklehurst All Saints CE Primary School, Arlies Primary School, Hawthorns Community School St Mary's RC Primary School, Bradley Green Primary School and Dowson Primary School** to deliver an inspirational assembly. They talked a little about themselves and their role, but the main event was a quiz to test the children, and their teachers, on their knowledge of the 2012 Games. Some lucky schools not only got to see the winning torch that inspired the relay, but a real Olympic torch, when Alex Williams or Emma Hayes came along with the torches that they had carried in the official torch relay.

The relay was a very rewarding experience for the Young Ambassadors, who found that the children had done a lot of work on the Games, and were quick off the mark in answering questions about the Olympic values and the mascots. It wasn't only the children who were learning, and all the Ambassadors came away with lots of fond memories of the children's excitement and eagerness, and proud of doing their bit to encourage participation in sport in Tameside.

By Sarah Hutchinson (Tameside Young Ambassador).



Holy Trinity CE Primary School Olympics!

Holy Trinity CE Primary School had an exciting lead up to the Olympic and Paralympic Games with a mini Olympic festival during National School Sports Week. The Week consisted of an opening ceremony where each year group were involved in making and designing a banner for their selected country and flags. The week had a very cultural feel with pupils and teachers being involved in dance and music elements.



New Charter Academy Olympic Day!

New Charter Academy hosted an Olympic Day for year 6 pupils from **Canon Burrows, Boradoak, Holy Trinity, Waterloo, St James', Rosehill, Holden Clough and The Heys**. Each school was given their own country to represent. There was over 320 pupils attending the event which was sponsored by Sainsburys. Pupils competed in sports such as seated volleyball, handball, New Age Kurling, hockey and dodgeball. A fantastic day was had by all which had taken a lot of hard work from staff at New Charter Academy.

