



## **Autumn Term 2013**

A great first term with the staff team working well together; welcome particularly to Harriet Shipley at Edwinstree and to our Young Apprentices!

### **Staffing**

Partnership Manager: Jan Wood: 3 days a week funded mainly through a government grant but also supported by Freman College.

Core Staff in middle schools part funded through first, primary & middle schools' contribution from their Sport Premium Funding for up to one day a week: Harriet Shipley: Edwinstree; Rob Dowler: Greneway; Simon Morgan: Ralph Sadleir; Emma Brown: Roysia

Coaches: Lewis Endacott, Matt Fellingham, Kevin Green, Chris Hattersley, Tracey Stimson, Ian Taylor, Gregg Smith

Apprentices(based at Freman): Lewis Fitzgerald, Danny Skipp

The Core Staff meet each half term, a meeting of PE coordinators/liaison staff was held in Buntingford and in Royston at the start of the term and planning meetings have been held in each school.

### **Training Opportunities**

#### **KS1 Gymnastics**

18 staff attended a KS1 gymnastics training course held at Icknield Walk School, Royston and have been offered time from the NEHSSP team to support work in the curriculum. A second course is planned to be hosted by Roger de Clare on January 29th.

KS2 Gym and PE Course: Dec 4<sup>th</sup> : staff from 12 schools attended

KS1 & 2 Physical Literacy: Jan 27th

Curriculum Review and Planning: Feb 6th

### **Activity with Schools**

All schools offered;

- coaching in tag rugby, tri golf and tennis and festivals
- KS1 *Merry* Multiskills
- support with gymnastics
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- support with leadership: schools are encouraged to develop leadership and the Rockets KS1 Initiative Pack has been circulated to schools this term.
- support with setting up/re-introducing/revitalising a Change 4 Life Club and access to C4L celebration events with the first planned on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at Edwinstree.

### **Events, Festivals and Herts School Games**

The calendar includes events for all our schools with some events on the programme such as the 3 Basketball competitions being the preliminary events leading to the Herts School Games which are the county finals (Level 3) and part of The School Games Initiative. There are several events in December which involve the middle school year groups and as we have noted on previous occasions there are fewer Level 3 events for pupils below year 5 other than tri golf, tennis and speedstacking.

### **Herts School Games : Partnership Winners**

<b>Basketball</b> Mixed U11 Girls' U12 Girls' U14	Ralph Sadleir Greneway Meridian	<b>Table Tennis</b> Girls' U13 Boys' U13 Boys' U16	Greneway Edwinstree Freman
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### **Festivals**

Partnership events this term have included:

- the Schoolympics on 26<sup>th</sup> September which was a fantastic festival of sport held at Meridian and Royston Leisure Centre with 8 sports, 414 Year 3, 4 & 5s and 50 young leaders from the middle and upper schools. The sun shone throughout the day and the children enjoyed the opening ceremony before they took part in coaching and competition; the dance group performed at the closing ceremony after learning the dance actually on the day and all schools received a trophy as a memento of the occasion.
- the year 5 & 6 tag competition involved 17 teams and 151 players from St Mary's, St Thomas and the 4 middle schools; there was some really great play and competition in all the groups with the majority of the games only being won by a single try showing huge effort from all. Greneway won both the year 5 and 6 competitions with Edwinstree year 6s and Ralph Sadleir year 5s as runners up.
- year 3 & 4 tag festival: Ardeley, Hormead, Layston and Millfield Schools gathered at Edwinstree for a great morning of tag rugby. 25 leaders from Edwinstree organised the teams and 10 Freman rugby leaders managed the pitches and helped with refereeing.

- Edwinstree also hosted the middle schools cross country whilst Roysia hosted a year 3 & 4 event which involved 120 children between Roman Way and Tannery Drift Schools.
- Hosted by Greneway with Meridian leaders as the officials, the year 7 & 8 table tennis competition was a close fought competition with every individual point counted and re-counted to give the final winners as Edwinstree Boys and Greneway Girls
- and on the same evening Greneway also hosted a middle school speedstacking festival organised by their leaders with the final winners as Edwinstree
- year 7 & 8 rugby: the 4 middle schools played some excellent rugby with the tournament going to the last match to give the result with Greneway taking the year 8 title and Ralph Sadleir in second place; Edwinstree qualified for the finals against North Herts at year 7 level
- 3 basketball competitions all held at the Leisure Centre for mixed under 11s, girls under 12s and girls' under 14s; some really excellent play resulted in wins for Ralph Sadleir, Greneway and Meridian respectively; all matches were officiated by students from Meridian and Freman who did a highly professional job with 2 hours of continual work on each occasion - excellent work much appreciated and praised by all in attendance!
- various individual matches, tournaments and leagues played or planned thus increasing the level of activity around the partnership

And for those interested in data there have been 1119 players & 145 leaders involved so far!

**Satellite Clubs, a Sport England initiative:** satellites are extensions of community sports clubs identified as the 'hub' club who bring their expertise to a new setting on a school site. Aimed at attracting semi sporty 11-25 year olds satellite clubs will bring sport to young people in a familiar environment. All secondary schools are to be offered a satellite club over a 3 year period.

**Secondary School Sport Clubs:** innovative school sport club formats of clubs run by young people for young people developed in partnership with sport national governing bodies designed for Key Stage 3 pupils are to take place on secondary school sites. Our middle schools have been asked to set up these clubs.

**Working in partnership continues with the Herts Sports Partnership, Sport North Herts, Active East Herts & Sport Royston.**

**And finally congratulations to schools which achieved the Kitemark for their involvement in The School Games:**

Gold: Greneway

Silver: Ardeley, Edwinstree, Hormead, Layston, Ralph Sadleir

Bronze: Icknield Walk, Millfield, Roger de Clare, Roman Way, Roysia, St Mary's, St Thomas of Canterbury, Studlands Rise, Tannery Drift

New criteria for 2013-14 have just been released.

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