



Autumn Term 2015

Congratulations to the 23 schools who have achieved a School Games Mark this year including fantastic Golds for Ardeley, Edwinstree, Greneway, Layston & Studlands Rise!

Part of the process is validation at a number of levels; this year we have not had any external visitors so I have been involved with visiting schools to see evidence of all the activity and good work going on which has been such a good experience! Thank You!

Many opportunities continue within the partnership area:

Training

The termly meetings for subject leaders for RASP and Rib Valley Schools provide valuable opportunities for keeping up to date, planning and sharing good practice.

In October Hormead School hosted a workshop led by Imoves Dance attended by 25 people including the whole staff from Roger de Clare School.

The Subject Leaders Training Day in November was well attended and allowed time for ensuring that we are up to date with the requirements of the National Curriculum, assessment for learning and planning for Ofsted. In the Spring Term courses include: Primary School Tennis, Cardio Tennis for secondary teachers, futsal for secondary teachers, a deliverers' training workshop for Change4Life Clubs and the Annual County Primary PE Conference in January.

Support with setting up/re-introducing/revitalising a Change 4 Life Club/Fit for Life Club is also available; these clubs are designed to engage young people who are not fully active in PE & School Sport.

Events & Festivals

Let's start with the data - there have been 1656 participants & 317 leaders involved so far this academic year!

- New for this year, in conjunction with Cycle Ashwell & Royston BMX Clubs and British Cycling, have been 2 cycling competitions, hosted by Greneway School, for Years 6 and below. How fantastic to see these young cyclists exerting all their energy in racing around the course - so looking forward to seeing lots more competitors in 2 more dates in the Spring!
- And also new this year what an excellent morning was enjoyed at St Edmund's College KS1 football festival led by their Upper KS2 leaders. There was real endeavour from all concerned and even the rain could not dampen the spirits so many thanks to all at St Ed's and we look forward to your future plans for events too.
- As for the old favourite, the Schoolympics on 26th September was yet again a fantastic festival of sport hosted by Meridian with 8 activities, involving 477 Year 3, 4 & 5s and 63 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 trophies were awarded to each school as a memento of the occasion.
- The year 5 & 6 tag competition involved 20 teams and 138 players from each of the 7 schools with pupils of that age group - St Edmund's, 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 the competition with St Mary's as the runners up; both schools will represent us in the Herts School Games finals later in the year.
20 leaders from Meridian and Freman attended a course run by Saracens in the morning and then were launched into their officiating career in the afternoon - what a great experience!
- Year 3 & 4 tag festival: 170 pupils from Ardeley, Hormead, Layston, Millfield and St Edmund's gathered at Edwinstree for a great morning of tag rugby. 21 leaders from Edwinstree organised the teams and 17 Freman rugby leaders managed the pitches and helped with refereeing.
We are fortunate to have the support of Royston Rugby Club at these tag events

- Rugby for year 7s & 8s also took place at Royston Heath with support again from Royston Rugby Club and also from Herts RFU. Very well done to Ralph Sadleir who won the Year 8 competition and to Greneway who were victorious against Edwinstree at Year 7 level. The winners at each age group will meet opposition from the rest of North Herts with the hope of qualifying for the county finals in March.
- KS1 Multiskills have taken place in various formats including coaching sessions and festivals with a single school or groups of schools. Thanks to hosts St Thomas of Canterbury School with Ralph Sadleir leaders and also to Edwinstree for both hosting and leading. Others are planned for the Spring Term.
- Edwinstree also hosted the annual middle schools cross country event for Years 7 & 8 and we look forward to their KS1 & 2 event later in the school year.
- Very well done to all the middle and upper school teams who represented the NEHSSP in the Autumn Term County School Games:

Mixed Under 11 Basketball	Greneway
Girls' Under 12 Basketball	Ralph Sadleir
Girls' Under 14 Basketball	Meridian
Boccia	2 teams:Freman & Roysia
Under 11 Girls' & Boys' Table Tennis	Greneway
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Under 16 Boys' Table Tennis	Meridian

And particular congratulations to Meridian on their Gold medal in the Under 14 Girls' Basketball and to Greneway as runners up in the Under 13 Girls' Table Tennis. Excellent achievements at these County Level 3 events!

And finally a big thank you to all our colleagues in the schools, members of the partnership team, coaches and club personnel who work so hard to give our young people a fantastic experience!

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