

**HSSP Sportshall Athletics Gillingham Festival Feb 2011**

The Aviva Sportshall Primary Programme provides an exciting and highly popular introduction to athletics, introducing young people to competition in a fun team based format.

5 Teams from Byron, Featherby, Parkwood, Riverside and St Mary's RC, competed in the Gillingham/Rainham Event, held at the Howard School in February.



The children ran, jumped and threw in a multitude of events from Relays both obstacle and flat running, to Long Jump, Javelin, Chest Push and Speed Bounce.

In a hotly fought contest and often noisy environment, cheers of encouragement reverberated off the walls of the sportshall. The atmosphere was electric, and the tension increased as results were called out, with the top 2 teams going through to a further competition against the Strood / Rural Event winners.

So close was the event, 3 teams are through with St Mary's and Parkwood joint second and Featherby overall winners.

The Fair Play award went to Riverside Primary. Well done to all competitors, and good luck to the three teams in the next round at Medway Park on Wednesday 16th March.

**Mel Wolfe – SSCo.**

**They're all great sports at Twydall Disability Sports Club.**

The recently established Disability Sport Club held on Wednesdays from 5-6.30pm at Twydall Junior School, is proving really popular with pupils. Various multi-skills sessions have been held and during last few weeks judo has been taken by Steve Stacy, Schools' coach. This term the newly appointed Rugby league coach, Mark Roughsedge will be introducing his sport, and a Boccia club will be starting soon.

Support from family members has been excellent, and they are being encouraged to help with the running of the Club. Two young volunteers and a specialist Teaching Assistant provide really good support.

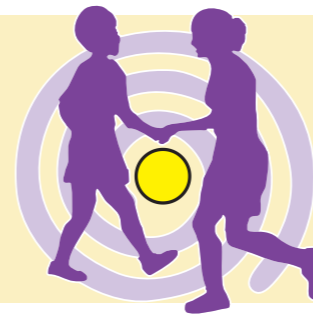
It is anticipated that links with other clubs will be developed in the near future.

**Marge Millar – SSCo, Brompton Academy.**

**HSSP Tri Golf Festival (Years 1 and 2)**

Children from Key Stage One and all across the Howard School Sports Partnership gathered at Medway Park on the 20th January for the annual Tri Golf Festival. This exciting event is one of the most colourful with activities closely representing a crazy golf course that require some skill with a putter or a chipping wedge. Everyone had a good time. In the morning Bligh came first with Thamesview Infants getting the Fair Play award. In the afternoon Miers Court Primary came first with the Fair Play award going to Halling Primary.

**James Wheeler – SSCo.**



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**Update on the future of the Howard School Sport Partnership**

At the time of writing this latest article, the government has made several announcements on the cuts of SSP's nationally, despite their success. Locally after the Head Teacher at the Howard School and the Partnership Development Manager have met with every Secondary Head Teacher in the Howard SSP there is, in principle, subject to funding (the government has said it will give enough funding to each secondary school for one SSCo to be released one day per week minimum) an agreement to employ and keep one SSCo to be released one day per week minimum to work with their Primary Schools and families within the Howard SS Partnership. This is encouraging however school budgets for April 2011 onwards are still being settled. The Secondary Schools contribution to the Partnership will be to pay for, release and employ an SSCo at least one day per week. Some Secondary Schools are also moving towards Academy status which is another process of change/uncertainty at the same time.

Furthermore, we have asked Primary School Head Teachers and PLT's to complete a questionnaire to find out the level of support and funding that Primary Schools may have for the work and services of the SSCo network and the central Partnership, beyond September 2011. We have not received all school returns as yet, however, 60% of those questionnaires returned so far, are positive and some schools will be able to pay a very small amount of funding (minimum £500) to continue to receive SSCo and SSP services on an annual basis starting in September. We are very conscious to keep costs to a minimum due to schools generally facing increased costs and cuts and where possible, we will continue to search for external funding such as grants for all schools within the Partnership. The Howard School are still very keen to remain the hub school for the Sports Partnership and to maintain the good work of the SSCo's and Partnership Development Manager across Medway Schools in Rainham, Gillingham, Strood and rural areas.

Natalie Rendle officially leaves her position as Competition Manager on 31st March 2011, but she will still be delivering occasional events in the summer. We all thank her for her hard work. Unfortunately again because of government cuts in the overall SSP central grant as from May 2011, we have had to make 2 staff members in the central office redundant: David Hitch and Jackie Mason – I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to them both for their hard work over the last 3-4 years, they will be sorely missed. We wish Natalie, David and Jackie good luck for the future.

All SSCo's and the Partnership Development Manager will definitely be in post until August 2011 and we will keep you posted as soon as we know about the future beyond September 2011. **LATE NEWS:** It is likely that there will be some government funding for a three day's per week School Games Organiser, this will help sustain the central co-ordinating PDM role full time.

**Claire Moore – PDM Howard SSP.**



**Adistars**

With just over one year to go until the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Youth Sport Trust (YST) in partnership with Adidas, have introduced a new Young Ambassador movement called Adistars. The role of an Adistar (2 per secondary school) is to coordinate other young leaders in their school and, generate ideas to increase participation in their school.

Through the Howard School Sport Partnership each Adistar has completed a training workshop, held in January 2010. The aims of the workshop were to develop pupils understanding of the important role they will have in supporting the values of the London 2012 games. The Adistars also gained an understanding of their role in secondary schools and the local community.

**Craig Paton – SSCo, Hundred of Hoo.**



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## HSSP Secondary School Dance Workshop January 2011

Once again, Howard SSP provided a day of dance for students aged 11-18. A dance workshop, led by Remy Martin, professional dancer from Urban Activities, was laid on for students to experience new and challenging dance. 6 schools (Brompton Academy, Chatham Girls Grammar, Hundred of Hoo, Rainham Girls, Robert Napier, and Strood Academy) took up the opportunity, sending along their keen and able dancers.



The morning group worked on a contemporary dance, taking the students out of their comfort zone to experience different concepts and emotions, bringing together a group dance to Cold Play's haunting

melodies. The tempo was lifted higher for the afternoon group, with a hot Latin number, loosening the hips, shoulders and inhibitions. Both groups worked on a fast and furious street dance, which we hope to see performed again later in the year. Our thanks go to The Hundred of Hoo School for providing the venue for the day.

Judging by the standard of dance shown at our workshop, we are all looking forward to the final dances and finale at our Dance Festival at Medway Park on 15th July 2011, where the secondary schools will be joined by our younger students from our Primaries.

## Developments at Brompton Academy

### Student Group Successful with £15,000 Youth Capital Bid for Fitness Gym

Brompton Academy's Student Sports Group has successfully bid for £15,000 to build a fitness gym for students at the school. The group, made up of 8 students from years 11-13 and supported by Marge Millar (SSCo) and Martin May (PE Department), have been working on the project for the last 8 months. The group were notified of their success the week before Christmas and since then work has begun on making the project come to life. Refurbishment of the area is beginning and now the Sports Group are embarking on the job of choosing equipment. The project will benefit the whole school and it's main aim is to increase student participation in physical activity. The gym is due to open late April 2011.

### FA Leaders Make Their Mark

Brompton Academy along with The Howard have become one of the first schools in Medway to offer the FA Level 2 Award in Leadership Through Football. This course aims to train leaders aged between 14-19 in aspects of leading football activities including coaching and refereeing. The course could eventually lead to a level 1 coaching certificate. The students who are taking the course are volunteering in their own time and have demonstrated some excellent leadership skills. The leaders have already run some football coaching for year 7's and will be aiming to work with several primary schools. The leaders are, Craig Long, Luke Goff, Bradley Jefford, Luke Smith, Callum Burgess, Taiwo Mosaku, Kehinde Mosaku, Brian Richards and Jamie Collins.

**Martin May – P.E.  
Teacher Brompton  
Academy**



## Brompton Academy Gets Set for 2012

Brompton Academy has been accepted into the London 2012 Get Set Network in preparation for the Olympics next year. The scheme is an educational tool aimed at inspiring learners about the Olympics and their values. The school will be organising a number of activities in the build up to the Olympics, which will be student led. In addition to The Get Set Network, two students have completed the Young Ambassadors training as ADISTARS. Callum Burgess and Taiwo Mosaku from year 11 both attended the training day held at Strood Academy with students from other schools within the partnership. Callum and Taiwo are now organising activities in the school to complete the challenges laid out in the school. Both students were a credit to the school and so far are fulfilling their ambassador's duties well.

### New Change4Life sports clubs

Children from schools with the Howard School Sport Partnership (HSSP) are being given the opportunity to participate in the Olympic sport of Handball. Organised by HSSP and supported financially by Change4Life, this fast-paced sport – The second most popular team game in Europe – involves passing a ball by hand and attempting to fling it into the goal of the other team.

The Wednesday club will take place at the Hundred of Hoo and the Thursday club at the Howard School, Rainham. Both clubs will run weekly during term time 4.30-6pm from term 5/6 and are open to pupils from any school yrs 5-9. Numbers have been very low to begin with (this is due to the unknown nature of the sport Handball) these 2 clubs but we plan to try and regenerate participant interest in May/June 2011.

These clubs are following in the footsteps of our successful Change4Life Clubs which have been established at the Howard School, Rainham. Badminton takes place in the main sports hall on Tuesday's for 1 hour starting at 4:45pm, while Table-Tennis runs from 5-6:30pm in the specialist table-tennis centre on Thursdays.

Also in the pipeline is a Wheelchair Basketball Club, which commences on Thursday 3rd March and will continue on a weekly basis, 5-7pm, at Medway Park, Gillingham. Participants are not required to be wheelchair users and specialist sports chairs will be provided.

All sports coaches at HSSP Change4Life clubs are CRB checked, qualified in the sport which they teach and receive support from Student Sport Leaders.

Pupils need no specialist equipment or previous experience of the particular sport – all of which will be on show at the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

**Clubs cost £2 per participant on a weekly basis and are limited to 24 participants, so please contact David Hitch on Tel: 07595 710 820 or Claire Moore Tel: 07725 724 393 or Email: moorc019@medway.org.uk / moorec@thehowardschool.co.uk to book your child a place and avoid disappointment. More information can be found at [www.howardssp.org.uk](http://www.howardssp.org.uk).**



## Partnership led Sports After School (SAS) programme

These activities do not require direct involvement by the school, other than giving out and collecting letters. The parents of the children involved, transport them to and from the venue and are present throughout the duration of each session. School staff, are welcome to attend, but this is not a condition for a school's participation.

### Badminton

This year we have included Badminton as part of the Sport After School programme. We have worked alongside Hilary Athawes and Tim Mace at The Medway Badminton Association to offer the opportunity for children in Years 3 and 4 to learn how to play Badminton.

Schools, local to the clubs' centre in lower Gillingham, were offered the chance to attend for a four week taster course. When numbers permitted, parents were also able to 'pick up a racquet' and join the fun. The hour long sessions, running from 4 – 5pm, were well received by children and parents alike.

Parents were also invited to the Friday Evening Family session where a family – mum, dad and all the children, can attend for one combined fee of £5.

Saxon Way, Burnt Oak, St Marys Catholic Primary and Skinner Street were the first cohort of schools invited to attend.

Next term we are widening the area, to offer more schools the chance to become involved in the scheme. Halling Primary, possibly the most outlying of all of our Partnership schools, will attend at the start of term 4.

If your school would like to be involved please contact the Partnership and we will be in touch.

Finally we would also like to thank the two Sports Leaders, Luke Horne and Jake Lancaster, from Robert Napier School for their continued support with the sessions.

### Ice Hockey

We have recently started working in partnership with The Invicta Dynamos to offer Ice Hockey Taster sessions on a Monday evening. Last year over 150 children were involved in a similar programme.

First they are taught to skate and then when they are safe, they progress to learning the basic skills of this exciting game. All children are then welcome to join the Novice section of the club.

These sessions are targeted at children in Years 3 and 4 with a view to them being eligible to play in the Under 10's league.

Bryon Primary is the first school, currently involved in the project. If you feel that your children would be interested, please contact the Partnership. Priority will be given to schools that were not involved last year.

**John Sage – SSSCo, Robert Napier Secondary School**

### Speed Stacking Tour

During Term 3 I have been spending time organising and leading 'Speed Stacking Competitions' within my family of schools. The idea of the competitions was to provide intra & inter sporting competitions for Bligh Infants, English Martyrs & Elaine School. The results from the competitions are to be used by the school as an intra competition, with the results also going to The Howard

School Sports Partnership to be used for inter school scoring against other schools in Medway. There were some outstanding results from within the three schools, with boys and girls recording some equally impressive results. At the end of each competition students were presented with a certificate to recognise their achievements during the competition, with students having enjoyed every second of the 3-3-3, 3-6-3 & 6 stack.



Well done to the Strood Academy Year 10 BTEC students who provided some excellent sports leadership support throughout each of the competitions.

**Wayne Beverley – SSSCo, Strood Academy.**

## Rainham Mark Grammar School – New Sports Hall

Rainham Mark Grammar School is proud to announce the commencement of building work on their new sports hall complex this term. As you can see an area of land on the north west side of the campus, that has been earmarked for the project for several years, was soon churned up and turned into a 'Diggerland Derby' this month. The race is now on between the school and the Tesco's Gillingham site to see who can build the biggest chalk mountain in their backyard.



The new sports complex will feature a sports hall big enough for four badminton courts. Court markings will enable such sports as indoor cricket, tennis, basketball, indoor football, volleyball, basketball and netball. There will be a Dance Studio, a Fitness Suite, offices and two teaching rooms.

It is due to be completed in September 2011.

**James Wheeler – SSSCo.**