

Welcome Back

Welcome back to you all. I hope you had a great summer break. For the benefit of new staff, I am Stuart Glennie the Active Schools Coordinator for the Primary Schools in Westhill. I am in the process of arranging a time where I can come and meet with all staff to update you all on my role and the ways in which I can help the school to provide increased opportunities to pupils.

Summer Holiday Programme 2011

During the summer holidays there were a number of activities organised for children in the area. As a Central Active Schools team we organised 8 days of outdoor activities including canoeing, coasteering, kayaking, raft building, surfing, hill walking, orienteering and forest fun activities. In total we had a total of 89 spaces filled.

From the the 1st-5th August I coordinated and delivered a multisports week at Westhill Academy with P1-3 children attending in the morning and P4-7 children in the afternoon. We had a total of 40 children from Westhill taking part in activities such as ultimate dodgeball, rugby, football, hip-hop dance, Martial arts, table tennis, rounders, cricket and fun games. Some of the sports were delivered by local coaches so the children were provided with information so they could continue in the sports.

Forthcoming Year

I am currently in the process of pulling together specialist timetables and roll no's from the 4 schools in Westhill. I will then be looking to try and establish a timetable of activities for the forthcoming school year. Active Schools is primarily aimed at extra curricular activities, but in Westhill we have managed to include a number of curricular programmes for each age group, including cluster festivals, and this will also be the aim this year. However, there will be a greater emphasis on developing the extra curricular opportunities.

Would you like to introduce an Activity?

If you would be willing to run activities before school, lunchtime or afterschool, **please get in touch with me**. You may have experience in a specific sport or activity that you may like to deliver to the pupils or you may like to receive training in a new activity that you may be interested in?

Existing Activities

I am aware that some teachers already give up their time to deliver extra curricular opportunities. **Please get in touch** if I can help to develop these further through training, devising application forms or simply to complete risk assessments and registers.

Young Leaders

By the start of the October Holidays all schools will have pupils who have completed the Sports Leaders UK Young Leaders Award. This award will enable them to deliver activities to younger children in the school. As part of the programme I will be looking to introduce afterschool clubs that are planned and delivered by the Young Leaders once a week. Perhaps you may be available to help supervise the sessions? If so, **please get in touch with me**.

Training Opportunities

This is year 3 of the Central Active Schools Training Calendar and this year there are even more opportunities. Please see below a list of the opportunities. I will also send through a PDF copy of the training brochure that gives the details on each course. There will also be hard copies of the brochure sitting around in the staff room, so please take the time to have a look through. To book a place on any of the courses please contact me direct.

Training Opportunities for Pupils & Staff

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