

REGIONAL CYP LEGACY NEWS UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011



Maybe last month should have been called *Yesvember* as so many more schools in the East Midlands looked at the calendar, saw 2012 on the horizon and decided to make the most of the very many opportunities afforded by us hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Quite a lot of our schools signed up for Lloyds TSB National School Sports Week (25th - 29th June 2012). If you haven't yet had the chance to do so go to <http://www.schoolsportweek.org/> and register. 25th June has been designated World Sports Day so many of our schools will be looking at ways to link their sporting life with their global work, especially around *Get Set to Support a Team*.

Sign up gives you some very special Torch Relay resources and look out on the same site for their *Flame Followers* competition to win a Welcome banner and another to design a Torch (closing date February 13th).

Schools have been logging on to <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/RegisterYourSchool.aspx> and finding out about the planned School Games programme. Indeed, we welcomed Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State at the DCMS, to Ellis Guilford School in **Nottingham** where he outlined government plans for more competitive sporting opportunities for school children.

Many more of our schools also declared their interest in London 2012 by applying to the Get set Network. 75% of our schools are registered and 36% have applied for Network status. We are the 3rd most engaged region behind London and the South East. Dozens of our schools also went to the trouble of applying for some *Get Set to Plan Your 2012* money. The bids were great and it was not easy for the Get Set team to pick 8 to go with the original six selected in the pilot. Ultimately, the successful schools were: Campion, **Northants**; The Phoenix School, **Lincolnshire**; Grove Primary, **Leicestershire**; Lancaster School, **Leicester**; Welbeck Primary, **Nottingham**; Noel Baker Community School, **Derby**; Brackenfield School, **Derbyshire** and Eckington School, **Derbyshire**. A new round of applications opened on November and I hope to see lots of applications from **Nottinghamshire** which missed out this time.

One of the most special events for the region in November was the visit of Jonathan Edwards, Olympic gold medallist and still world triple jump record holder. He visited **Leicester** and **Leicestershire** and got an incredible welcome. Children from King Richard 3rd Infants (pictured above) showed him what they had done in six weeks of internationally focused activity at the end of the summer term. He took part in Zumba and Bollywood Dance and joined in a stirring rendition of *Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport* before beating the school's 7 year old champion at standing long jump.

At Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough he heard of the school's ambitions for its *Plan Your 2012* funding, met the creator of *Lionheart*, (three 30 foot crocheted lions that will tour the region in a glass case on the back of a lorry) and met children from Welland Park who were inspired to create their own lion, Fowler, complete with crocheted mane.



I've spent a fair bit of November out and about in **Derbyshire**. Leon Taylor, Paralympic footballer, and I enjoyed being special guests at Heanor Gate Science Gate for their Awards evening (we make a



good double act if anybody else in **Derby** or **Derbyshire** is interested). I joined Charlotte Infant and Nursery School at a workshop as part of their *Plan Your 2012* activity; Louise Jenkins at the school did a great job of explaining the gains to be had from *Get Set* to colleagues from Erewash and beyond. I've really enjoyed taking assemblies at Grassmoor Primary, Dallimore Primary (left) and both Dronfield Infant and Junior Schools. Also in Derbyshire it was lovely to be able to take the London 1948 Olympic Torch to Belper and then to Swadlincote (below) to join in sports celebrations that also included special guest Wenlock, the Olympic mascot. Have you heard the mascots'

song *On a Rainbow*, quite catchy (but so is measles) – you can download it here: <http://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/on-rainbow-official-london/id468888307> The mascots and friends are about to star in cinemas with their third video *Rainbow Rescue*.

One of the most exciting things I had the opportunity to get involved in during November was the *Real Business Challenge* organised by one of the London 2012 Torch Relay partners, Coca-Cola. Schools from the region and beyond were competing to develop an advertising campaign aimed at stopping young people littering so that the UK might look at its best for London 2012. There was a touch of *Dragon's Den* about it as they made their pitch to a panel of tough judges (including one old softie – me). They also had produced a short radio ad and some of those were stunning. In the end the overall winner was an out of region school from Milton Keynes. Big Wood School **Nottingham** was second and you can see their eye-catching advertising hoarding on the picture below. Colonel Frank Seely School, also **Nottingham**, won a prize for the best radio ad for a really professional job.



Of course, one of the most memorable things to happen for the country in November was the announcement of the communities along the route of the Torch Relay and some idea of ways in which the Torch will be carried across the East Midlands. We know that it will journey by cable car in **Derbyshire** and that elsewhere in the region it will travel on the water in various ways.

There was clearly some disappointment in towns and boroughs where the Torch will not shine its light but we are assured it will never be more than ten miles from anyone and I really hope that schools in particular will make a special journey if need be to line the route. I am confident that we will be singing and dancing across the

East Midlands to help the London 2012 Torch along its way.

We end November with 37% of our schools in the *Get Set* Network, 14 committed to leading *Get Set to Plan Your 2012* work, many more signing up to National School Sports Week and registering for the School Games. Many of our schools have really warmed to the international context of *Get Set to Support a Team* and will be cheering for an Olympic and a Paralympic team alongside Team GB.

We have enthusiastic young journalists recording their 2012 journey in photos, film and words and talented young artists, singers and dancers all looking to mark 2012 in their own unique ways. Don't let anybody tell you that there will be no legacy from London 2012. Here in the East Midlands there most definitely will!

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