

REGIONAL CYP LEGACY NEWS UPDATE JANUARY 2012



2012 – yes, it's here at last and the vast majority of previously disengaged schools across the region have joined those already hooked on the Olympic and Paralympic Games of London 2012 in getting incredibly excited about what's going to happen in less than six months' time. The Olympic Torch Relay is even closer for all of us and many schools have begun thinking about how they might mark the passage of the Torch through their district, village, town or city. A very lucky (and secret) few have begun to plan for the Torch to stop off within the school grounds!

Sadly, the Torch will not be passing very close to Barwell Church of England Junior School in **Leicestershire**. If it did it would see the fantastic *Spirit* sculpture that pupils designed and created with a professional sculptor. I was lucky to be invited to the official 'opening' and blessing of *Spirit* by the Archdeacon and the children explained to us all about the numerous Olympic sports they had sought to depict in their great design.



We know that Loughborough in **Leicestershire** will welcome the Torch on July 3rd but pupils at De Lisle Catholic Science College are already creating their own news programme about the Olympics and Paralympics in the town. Through me they have made contact with leading figures at the University planning for Team GB's arrival. You can see an example of their highly proficient journalism at <http://www.grasshopper-hosting.co.uk/delisle/02%20Coll%20Comm/12%20Autumn%20Olympics%202011.html> The next programme features an interview with GB

swimming coach, Ian Armiger, seen with two young reporters on this photo.

Many of you will be familiar with the Get Set site but others still need some support in appreciating its huge potential. 20 schools in the region have now either received funding, or news that they soon will, to help others in their area make the most of Get Set and London 2012 in general. The latest six to be approved will receive training in London this Friday and will soon be in touch with nearby schools, looking to engage you in their Get Set to Plan Your 2012 idea. They were Barton Seagrave Primary, **Northamptonshire**, Derby Moor Sports College, **Derby**, Brockington College, **Leicestershire**, Catmose College, **Rutland** Shirebrook Academy, **Derbyshire** and King Edward V11th Sports College, **Leicestershire**. Earlier in January I visited Welbeck Primary (overleaf) in **Nottingham**, one of the Plan Your 2012 schools, and took two assemblies. It was clear that the children are very excited about London 2012, the seven Olympic and Paralympic values and the mascots. I am looking forward to supporting their Plan work with local schools in the Meadows area of the city.



Two more Plan Your 2012 schools with cause to celebrate at the start of 2012 are The Phoenix School, **Lincolnshire** and The Lancaster School, **Leicester**. Dedicated teacher, Darren Taxis at The Phoenix (above with Darren Campbell) won Sky Sports Living for Sport Teacher of the Year for his inspiring work with the pupils. Lancaster student Nick Wood won regional and national Student of the Year. You can find out more about Nick's story at <http://livingforsport.skysports.com/news-items/sky-sports-living-sports-awards>

It was great last week and this to meet two groups of teachers from Corby, **Northamptonshire** to look at all the opportunities offered by the Cultural Olympiad. We met at the fantastic Corby Cube and the teachers were particularly keen on Big Dance 2012, you should soon be able to download a pack including choreography for the Big Dance Schools Pledge 2012 from their site but first you need to register at http://www.bigdance2012.com/user_login.php

I was also pleased last week to meet primary Heads from Rushcliffe Borough in **Nottinghamshire** to discuss the Torch Relay in the area and Get Set. Several Heads have since asked me into school to meet staff and take assemblies.

One of my favourite responsibilities is taking an assembly and that's made even better when I can involve pupils in planning and delivering the assembly. That happened this week with some excellent Bronze Ambassadors from Dronfield St Andrew's C of E Primary, **Derbyshire**. Their knowledge, as a result of great training in North East Derbyshire, was superb and their confident presentation was a delight. Here they are with friends Wenlock and Mandeville. We played their song 'On a Rainbow' to start and end the assembly and the children loved it.



It was a pleasure to be able to present members of the Ice Centre Learning Zone Board and Blue Bell Hill Trust with their Get Set plaque at the Learning Zone's graduation this week in **Nottingham**. The Centre is really committed to learning through sport, family learning and London 2012.

Just a couple of quick reminders to finish with:

don't miss the chance to sign up for World Sports Day and all the colour and learning that can bring with it <http://getset.london2012.com/en/world-sport-day>

Go to http://www.schoolsportweek.org/Flame_Followers.aspx and find out how children's design skills could link your school up with someone in your community who will be carrying the London 2012 Torch. These people are inspirational but you need to move quickly, register for National School Sports week and design a Torch or banner by February 13th.

That's it for now, if you want my help drop me an email on g.nash@lboro.ac.uk

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