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This is the first edition of the **Werrington Extended Services Newsletter**. It will be bi-monthly and intended to be aimed primarily at local Werrington professionals involved with the care, development and education of children, teenagers and young adults across Werrington.

The Extended Schools and Services initiative was launched in Peterborough and across the UK gradually from Autumn 2005, accelerating in Peterborough during 2006. The Werrington Schools' Cluster involving Ken Stimpson Community School, William Law C.of E Primary, Welbourne Primary and Werrington Primary Schools is seen as a key grouping being encouraged to work even more closely in new partnerships as part of the government's com-



prehensive programme of reform for children's services launched by 'Every Child Matters'. (update of new local structures in edition 2 March/April) The City Council's strategy is challenging because it involves us all - schools, children's services, Primary Care Trust, public and voluntary agencies - in new ways of

working ; working in new partnerships striving to contribute to improved outcomes for the learning and well-being of our children and young people in Werrington.

The City Council's strategy for Extended Schools and Services recognizes the importance of partnership working and aims to provide practical support for all schools and head teachers who want to offer a wider range of activities and access to services for the benefit of their pupils and the local community.

The City Council has assisted in the appointment of a local Werrington Extended Schools/ Services co-coordinator(contact details on page 4).

A number of key developments are anticipated locally during 2007 .(update in Volume 2 - March/April)

Successful Family & Learning Centre bid

A new local Family & Learning Centre will be located on the Welbourne Primary School Site. The new Centre, planned to be open by September 2007, will be financed by the Extended Schools' Primary School Capital Fund. The funding will facilitate some refurbishment work on the school site. The new Centre will provide a new suite for the Rainbow pre-School group, a

new suite for Family Learning programmes as well as a community meeting area and Advice surgeries. Also a new dedicated fenced outside Play Area will be built. A dedicated entrance and reception will be supported by a small community kitchen.

The current Breakfast and After School clubs will also benefit from the new facility as will the planned new Easter and Sum-

mer Holiday Clubs.

The new Centre also hopes to contribute to an expansion of day and evening classes for local Werrington adults.

For any enquiries about the planned Centre and future activities please contact the Welbourne Primary Head : Giles Civil on 01733 576642



Werrington-Schools Samba tutor James Oscroft

Schools go Samba !

Samba and drums came top in a recent "wanted" questionnaire from the three local Primary Schools. So, with the help of the City Council and Cambs Music Service, the equipment was obtained and the Samba After-School Club started this term. It is based at Werrington Primary School, and runs on a Thursday for an hour and starts at 4pm.

The enrolment fee is £5. There are a few places left. Contact the Extended

Services Team for further information. The tutor is James Oscroft, a London-based professional drummer.

The Werrington Samba band project was inspired by a visit to the three Primary Schools before Christmas from the Glebelands Primary School's Samba band. Although they came from Chatteris the sounds from Brazil were clearly heardcan't wait for this year's Werrington Carnival!



The Government's Agenda

The Government believes that Extended Schools will increasingly act as hubs for their local community. By 2010 all schools will be expected to provide the following services :

High Quality wrap-round childcare provided on the school site or through other providers

A menu of activities to be on offer such as homework

clubs & study support, sport, music, dance, ICT clubs and enterprise activities

Parenting support including information sessions for parents

Swift and Easy Referral to a wide range of specialist support services such as speech therapy, child and adolescent mental health services, family support and

services, intensive behaviour support and (for young people) sexual health services

Community access to ICT, sports/arts facilities, including adult learning opportunities.

Useful links :

www.teachernet.gov.uk

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

www.tda.gov.uk

Local Holiday Programmes for 2007

The holiday options are wide and varied this year. The City Council's Sports Development Team will be running Sports "Theme" weeks during the Half Terms, Easter, Whitsun and the summer. At Werrington Sports Centre. Information from : Nicky McCready on 01733742851.

William Law and Welbourne are combining to run Holiday Kids Clubs during Easter and the summer on the site a Welbourne Primary school.

Information from : 01733 576642

Werrington Primary School will be running the Holiday Clubs through the year. Infor-

mation : 07946654042.

A cross city activity brochure has just been printed by the Sports Development Team.

The Family Gateway website will also be a useful information point for current and planned activities :

www.familygateway.org.uk



New Werrington Gymnastics After School Club

Another new collaborative After-School club opened up this term. The new gymnastics club is based at William Law Primary school. It operates on Mondays and starts at 4pm. The City Council helped with the equipment and Ken Stimpson staff have been coaching the kids.

Its hoped that club can be maintained and become a sustained resource for Werrington. It is hoped that the club might become a "feeder" to the Gymnastics Centre of Excellence based at Jack Hunt School.



"We are thinking of the Olympics ... and why not?"

Peterborough Family Gateway Web Site

The Family Gateway is a fairly recent innovation from PCC. Its a website providing access to information about services for young people, children and families. It focuses on a number of key areas including :

Holiday Activities listing current and planned activities and costs.

Parenting Handbook with

a range of downloadable Info Sheets on topics ranging from Bullying, Drugs, and Internet Safety to Babysitting, Temper Tantrums and Teenage sexual matters.

Parent Courses across Peterborough including Family Health, ICT for Parents, Counselling, and Learning with children.

It also has some useful Links : **Opportunity Links:** with



local info about childcare
Purple Pigeon: advice and info for teenagers
NHS Direct : all the health information you need on one website

Local Child Care Provision for Werrington

The Extended Services Team has produced a local Werrington Information Sheet covering all the PCC approved Full Day Care and daily Pr-School provision; local Childminders, Creches, Breakfast and After-School Clubs as well as year through holiday clubs.

All the provision listed is approved by the City Council and Ofsted where appropriate.

The Information Sheet is available from the Extended Services Team. Further Information and advice on childcare provision can be provided by the Childcare Advisor for Werrington on 01733 748038.

Useful information :

Childcare Vouchers for working parents : www.childcarechoice.co.uk

Working Tax Credits for childcare financial support :

www.direct.gov.uk

Peterborough JobCentre Plus office: 08450681400

Visit www.familygateway for information about cross Peterborough provision.

Refer to Inland Revenue Booklet:

WTCI "Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit –An Introduction"



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What do Extended Schools look like ?

Extended Schools respond to the needs of their community and work in partnership with other agencies to raise standards for their students. In doing so, they also aim to improve the quality of life for everyone associated with them. Extended schools integrate this wider working into their school improvement development plans and Ofsted will look for their contribution to the Every Child Matters agenda.

Local support

In order to support this development and growth, Peterborough City Council has used its Extended Schools funding to employ a team of Extended School co-ordinators based in each cluster. It is the co-ordinators' brief to work with schools, their communities and partners to :

- Provide detailed advice and guidance
- Help to draw up and implement a development plan for the school cluster
- Create links and partnerships
- Promote sustainability
- Ensure effective cluster communication

Current Funding Opportunities



MAKE SPACE CLUBS : upto £15,000 for projects aimed at setting up an out of school hours "Club" providing a safe environment with access to computers, study space and other activities.

www.makespace.org.uk/clubs.aspx

Playground Partnership

Awards: grants of upto £10,000 for innovative playground improvements.

www.playgroundpartnerships.org

Help Yourself! Awards

Scheme : grants of up to £3000 to

support young people working together to develop dynamic lasting community projects.

www.helpyourselfes.org.uk

Family Learning Programme :

grants for schools to help families bond closer together whilst building life skills. Aimed at parents who are not confident in helping their children learn. Parents encouraged to learn with their children. Contact Loretana Ambrosio – lambrosio@pcae.ac.uk or

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning

Host a Comenius Foreign Languages Assistant :

Comenius Assistants are intending and trainee teachers from Europe who are placed in UK schools. They can help enhance the European and cultural dimension across the curriculum as

well as offer classes in their native language. They are paid a monthly allowance by the EU and are no cost to the school. Assistants can be shared across the Cluster.

www.britishcouncil.org/socrates-sfe-host-a-comenius-language-assistant.htm

Curry's Switched On Communities:

Grants of up to £5000 awarded for school projects that clearly demonstrate an energy efficiency element or identify technology solutions to environmental improvements.

www.eco-schools.org.uk

Primary School Field Work

Grant : grant of up to £300 to help staff plan class field trips/visits.

www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/grants/education/EEG/