

Northumberland Extended Services Newsletter



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I feel extremely privileged to work within the Extended Services team and therefore it is particularly pleasing that our latest newsletter reflects the impact our work has on the county's families. Through the delivery of core offer areas Extended Services Coordinators and Parent Support Partners work with schools and partners to engage and support whole families and many colleagues comment on the positive results of this work. At the recent head teachers conference Robin Casson, Director of Schools, Enterprise and Lifelong Learning, commented that building on the success in schools our moral purpose should be "to establish a culture of learning in the community" and I strongly believe that we support this through the structures we have put in place to deliver extended services. We may not know what is ahead in terms of central government funding but ensuring the best possible outcomes for all young people through effective schools and support mechanisms for them and their families is a goal that will continue to be at the core of our work. **Carol Leckie Extended Services Adviser**



Upcoming reasons to celebrate...

Parents Week 18th –24th October
See page 3 for more details

Everybody writes day - Thursday 21st October

<http://www.everybodywrites.org.uk>

Anti-Bullying week 15th – 21st November
www.antibullyweek.co.uk

National Tree Dressing Day
4th -5th December

Show that 'Every Tree Counts' by decorating and celebrating the life of a tree in your street, garden or playground. <http://www.commonground.org.uk/trees/t-dress.html>



Sailing to Success

Georgia Bell, aged 9, a pupil at Blyth Malvins Close Primary School had the winning answer to our competition at The Blyth Renewables Festival. She correctly guessed that it took 320 man hours to build 'The Coble' which is one of the sailing boats built by students of The Blyth School. Georgia was presented with an iPod at her school assembly.



In terms of 'good practice' partnerships of schools in Northumberland were involved in research by the TDA looking at two areas of work:



1. The Seaton Valley partnership of schools delivered a project looking at innovative practice in clusters and this contributed to an NFER report "Extended Services Cluster Research". The project led and delivered by Diane Brown, Seaton Valley Extended Services Coordinator, aimed to engage more dads through the delivery of the "Steps" course and although only a small number of dads were involved the impact was very positive.
2. Between January and June 2010 the TDA conducted research into progress on embedding the 'swift and easy access' part of the core offer. As one of only ten local authorities to be invited we involved special schools rather than main stream schools and as a result of the work a range of draft tools has been developed.

Further information on these two pieces of work and associated reports are available from
Carol.Leckie@northumberland.gov.uk



School Applications and Transfers for September 2011 Admissions

Deadline for applications to be made are:

31 October 2010 - for middle, secondary, high schools & academies

14 January 2011 – for all primary, first, schools

If you need further information on

- Schools and catchment areas
- How to apply online
- How to complete the forms
- How to appeal if you don't get the school you prefer
- Advice on important deadlines.

Contact Carol Storey, Choice Adviser on 01670 533664 or email carol.storey@northumberland.gov.uk. You can also write to Carol at: School Choice Adviser, Children's Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.



Mosaics in Morpeth
Year 3 Parents, Grandparents and children from Morpeth First School crafted their own school logo during workshops bringing their school logo alive in an activity which will give insight and understanding of an art form that is still used around the world in one form or another.

Comments;

'I enjoyed the chance to work 1:1 with my child to learn a new skill. We've never done 'mosaicing' before'

'Spending time on a joint project with my granddaughter'

Family Safety Day

Families from the Morpeth Partnership were encouraged to THINK about home, fire, road and sun safety at the Family Safety Event held at Morpeth First School. The multi-agency event raised awareness of potential risks and how to avoid them. Members of the Fire Service, Police, Road Safety Officers, NHS and Surestart Children's Centres were among the many organizations who gave their time and resources to making this day a success.



Funding Watch Sport England Small Grants



What is it? Sport England receives funds from the government and the National Lottery, and its small grants programme helps voluntary and community organisations deliver grassroots sport in England. The fund is aimed at improving sporting opportunities available to communities and bettering people's experiences of playing sport.

How much is on offer? Grants of between £300 and £10,000. The total cost of the project should not exceed £50,000 and its main target must be improving sports participation and outcomes of sports currently recognised by Sport England.

What will it fund? New targets for the funding scheme were introduced in June, on which all future applications will be assessed. Priority will now be given to projects that provide young people aged 11 to 16 with extra-curricular sports; organisations that encourage young people aged 16 and above to continue their participation in sports; and projects that increase the number of adults taking part in sport.

Who can apply? Not-for-profit organisations, statutory bodies and educational establishments. Applications from individuals will not be accepted. Those applying must be able to deliver the funded project within 12 months and will need to send Sport England a progress report within 13 months of receiving the grant offer letter.

Find out more: www.sportengland.org/funding/mall---grants/want_to_apply.aspx

To Infinity and Beyond with Rothbury First School Children -

Children from our rural schools were given the opportunity to create fantastic space themed crafts whilst caring for our environment by using recycled materials



Robot Building Training

Thursday 18th November, 10-2.30pm (lunch included) at Hepscott Park.

The training will include a hands on compressed version of a robot day and advice on managing the event and equipment. No previous experience or technical expertise is required.

If you are interested in attending please send your details (including school and job title) to **Margaret Hill by Friday October 22nd**



This year Parent's Week falls just before half term (18th - 24th Oct), the theme is:
Knowing Families: how well do you know yours?

Check out the Family and Parenting Institute website for further details and event ideas:
<http://www.familyandparenting.org/index.php>.

Parents' Week is run by the **Family and Parenting Institute** and is established as a way of getting families at the top of the political agenda nationally and locally.

There will be events running for parents, carers and families across the county. So look out for details of what's happening in your area on the Extended Services website www.extendedservicesncc.co.uk

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
18 th October	Mother and Daughter Pamper Session	Josephine Butler Campus, NCEA	5.30pm-7.30pm	Joanna Kingdon 01670 816 111 Ext 268
19 th October	Healthy Families drop in - including freebies and activities	Ponteland Children's Centre	2.30pm-4pm	Lindsey Armstrong 01661 825687
19 th October	Halloween Arts and crafts	West End First School Bedlington	1.30-3pm	Kim Green 01670 822625 Ext 274
19 th October	Time Out For Mums	North Tynies, Bellingham	7pm-9pm	Joanne Norman 01434 220716
20 th October	Family Stress Busting Workshop	Thomas Bewick Campus, NCEA	3pm-4pm	Joanna Kingdon 01670 816 111 Ext 268
21 st October	Healthy Multicultural Cooking for Dads	North Tynies, Bellingham	7pm-9pm	Reserve your place on 01434 220716
21 st October	Lego Workshop	West End First School, Bedlington	9.15am - 11.45am	Kim Green 01670 822625 Ext 274
21 st October	Fathers Challenge	Stakeford First School	1.30pm- 3pm	Kim Green 01670 822625 Ext 274
22 nd October	Pie and Peas Supper, Family Event with Childrens Entertainer	Western Tynedale Children's Centre, Haltwhistle	6pm- 8pm	Janet Nicholson 01434 684 422 Ext 243
HALF TERM				
26th October	Wild West Day	Seaton Valley Childrens Centre	1pm-3pm	01912375184
26th October	Family Health Day	Bedlington Salvation Army Hall	1pm -4pm	Kim Green 01670 822626 Ext 274
27th October	Expo Chef Family Fun Day	North Tynies Bellingham	10am-2pm	01434 220716

A range of other activities are taking place across Extended Services and Children's Centres in Northumberland please contact your local teams for more information.
www.extendedservicesncc.co.uk www.northumberlandchildrenscentres.org.uk



National Family Week is the biggest national celebration promoting family life and spending quality time together through fun and informal activities. It took place from 31st May to 6th June 2010. Working with Northumberland Family Learning, Extended Services ran a competition for the most innovative and engaging event with a prize of six Robot Building Kits and two classroom K'Nex kits.

We had some fantastic entries to the competition and thank you to everyone who contributed to making National Family Week so successful.

The winning entry was made by Hirst Park Middle School and Ashington Extended Services, who after completing the Family Learning Signature with a group of parents continued to engage them through parenting workshops and family learning activities culminating in an enterprise day where pupils led their parents through a series of fun, problem solving activities encouraging positive interaction and the celebration of achievements. The impact evaluation showed how pupil's behaviour had improved in school and how the confidence of the parents had increased. Many of the parents are still meeting as a group and are being supported into further learning opportunities.

A joint project by Extended Services in Blyth, Seaton Valley, Cramlington and Blyth Sure Start was awarded second prize for the joint Free Family Fun day they organised to take place at the Isabella Centre in Blyth. Transport was put in place from Seaton Valley and Cramlington and the event had a fantastic turn out of over 100 families. Families had the opportunity to play and learn together and find out more about a wide range of services available in the area.

Opportunities to sign up for Sure Start and for Adult Learning were seized and from the evaluations everyone had an excellent time. For more information about National Family Week go to www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk.

For more information about any of the activities and events discussed please call Kathy Kirsopp-Reed on 01670 534 358.



Over the summer term Marion Stewart and other team members visited eighteen schools and carried out a short survey with governors and pupils to gather information on their perception of the changes extended services provision has made in schools. From this small, select survey the following key points were recorded:

- There was significant increase in the provision linked to all five core offer areas over the past four years.
- Governors in rural schools, in particular, acknowledged that without an extended services coordinator it would be difficult to deliver services.
- Both pupils and governors felt that opportunities for extra curricular activities, family learning and parent support had improved.



Whilst this was a very small survey it was rewarding to see many positive comments, even when extended services was not always recognised as a brand. A big thank you to all schools who participated. Full report is available on request from Jill.Jackson@northumberland.gov.uk

Source of Funding Opportunities

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=318>

At the bottom right of the web page see the Regeneration Bulletins which contain current details of funding opportunities