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A Varied Menu of Activities

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You will have seen the media campaign around the government's obesity strategy and the brightly coloured plasticine family leading the way to show us how to Eat Well, Move More, Live Longer. Now it's your chance to join in at a school near you. Here in Nottinghamshire we're planning an integrated approach to our work in this area. Pip Harris our Healthy Eating Advisor has brought together a core group of health and CYPs colleagues representing sport, access to extended services, Study Support, nutrition, dietetics and the school meals service.

We have planned with locality based groups to organise an early evening roadshow at a host school in each of the seven Nottinghamshire districts during the summer term. The after school events will promote 'Change4Life' strategies to inform and

engage children and their families in a healthier life style.

Each event will have a marketplace of information and activities. We're keeping everything free of charge, simple and do-able. We want the children, young people and families who attend to be able to go away and do something they've tried or found out about at a roadshow.

Each of the host schools has been funded to run a study support activity that can be showcased on the day. We've asked Extended Services Cluster Co-ordinators to spread the word to schools across their family and to encourage as many as possible to walk to their local event and join in.

No one roadshow will be the same as the others – they'll reflect the interests of children and young people, school staff and parents/carers. But there are two common themes with a focus on food – growing it, cooking it and eating it and activity – low cost, local facilities, local groups – walking, skipping, dance, cheerleaders.

We'll ask everyone who attends to make a pledge before they leave about one thing they will do to eat well and/or be active. We'll collect as much information and as many giveaways as we can – some local sports centres are donating free passes, other places having tasting sessions. There'll be cookery demonstrations, dance performances, a smoothie bike where the blender is powered by the person pedalling, workshops for healthy lunch boxes and a chance to sample the school meals service.

So join us for a fun event from the end of school until early evening at:

Kirkby Woodhouse Primary School, Ashfield	–	Tuesday 23 June
Robin Hood Primary School, Mansfield	–	Thursday 25 June
Westdale Infant School, Gedling	–	Thursday 2 July
Sir Edmund Hillary Primary School, Bassetlaw	–	Tuesday 7 July
Roundhill Primary School, Broxtowe	–	Wednesday 8 July
Barnby Road Primary School, Newark	–	Thursday 9 July
Dayncourt School, Rushcliffe	–	Tuesday 14 July

If you would like any further information contact the host school or your Extended Services Cluster Co-ordinator.

TEN YEARS ON AND PLANS FOR STUDY SUPPORT SUMMER SCHEMES

2009 is the tenth year of LA funded Study Support Transition Summer Schemes in Nottinghamshire with 38 families of schools invited to participate. Planning is well underway with invitations to participants sent before Easter and programmes of activity coming into the Study Support office daily.

Study Support Transition Schemes funded through CYPS provide a minimum of 25 places for 25 hours/one week activity in the summer holidays to support transition to secondary – Year 6 moving up to Year 7 in the following September.

Last Summer there was an average of 40 participants per scheme with 107 young people attending George Spencer scheme, 96 younger children attending Kirkby College schemes (on two sites at Newstead village and on the Coxmoor estate) and 63 young people attending Sutton Centre scheme each day. Schools can and do choose to invite additional numbers and run a longer programme where resources are identified. The Wheldon School regularly runs a four week Summer Alive programme delivered by student leaders.

Programmes of activity are designed locally to fit the family of school's priorities. In 2008 activities included arts – performing and visual including multi-media, sport, environmental and alternative technologies, science, food tech including cookery, a range of visits and taster sessions as well as activities to support young people to know the school site, older students and schools' expectations.

Attendance is voluntary but by invitation for a target group. To support the participation of vulnerable groups information for 2009 has been circulated to Nottinghamshire Learning Centre, colleagues with responsibility for Looked After Children/Children in Public Care and Action for Young Carers. This year we have also linked up with colleagues in support after adoption to make sure that these families know about the benefits of participating.

We aim to provide information to colleagues across CYPS to support a strategic approach to resources and planning. These include: Youth and Play Services, Environmental Education, Arts, Extended Services Cluster Co-ordinators and family Headteachers and Governor Services.

Support to schools is provided through the Study Support team and includes: Information Advice and Guidance (in consultation with HR, Insurance and Risk, CRB and List 99 checks); Sharing good practice by visits, monitoring and feedback discussions.

In summer 2008 1125 young people attended as participants and 155 young people attended as leaders/mentors/volunteers.

Schools report on: How well activities achieve the target outcomes planned to support their local priorities; How well the target group are reached; How parents/carers and families of participants were involved and how activities during the summer scheme have supported delivery of Every Child Matters outcomes.

Last year at our feedback discussions in November we invited two schools to share their approach to building student leadership and the strategic fit with local priorities including specialist status and developing access to the core offer of extended services.

Schools reported that the summer schemes resulted in: Confidence around the secondary school site; Better peer relationships; More participation in activities upon entry; Better integration; Settled into school quickly; Developed their self esteem and confidence; Links developed with parents and carers; Sense of belonging – taking ownership of their new surroundings; Relationships with other students formed; Role models identified (Mentors/Team Leaders).

We want to make 2009 the best year yet and in addition to Study Support Transition Summer Schemes in the schools' summer holiday we are also funding a pilot project for students from the Dukeries College who are doing the 14-19 Media Diploma to work with colleagues at Rufford Gallery Creative Learning Centre.

We haven't forgotten your feedback that students at our special schools need specialist provision in the holidays too. The Pathfinder project for children and young people with SEN is working with Yeoman Park and Ash Lea Special Schools to build on the summer schemes that ran last year. The contact for this work is Anne Lobley at usual the NCC e-mail address.

If you'd like to know more please contact the Study Support team for: further feedback from 2008 – data, monitoring and evaluations, Summer 2008 DVD, List of participating families of schools 2009 and full Information, Advice & Guidance including monitoring forms for 2009.

Look forward to visiting this summer and sharing in your good practice.

East Midlands Regional Study Support Conference

Tuesday 6 Oct 2009

Study Support Making the Difference

The DCSF funded Study Support Quality Development – East Midlands Partnership is holding their second regional conference at Trent Vineyard, Nottingham in October this year. The one day event builds from the conference that we held in March 2008 with a focus on delivering quality.

This year the focus is on demonstrating the outcomes of Study Support programmes with the conference title Study Support East Midlands Making the Difference.

Keynote speakers confirmed so far include Maggie Farrar of NCSL (National College for School Leadership).

There will be a range of workshops including: Using tools from the TDA School Improvement Planning Framework to demonstrate how to evidence Study Support outcomes in the SEF; Quality Assurance with a focus on getting Results and Making a Difference; Sharing practice from the Advanced Centres who are training student researchers to interview children and young people about the benefits of participation; and Moving from consultation to active engagement – Involving children and young people.

The revised Code of Practice for Study Support will have its regional launch by colleagues from the QiSS national team.

We have asked marketplace contributors to use displays and information that focus on the outcomes of participating and/or how schools and their partners can track participation to monitor outcomes.

We'll invite school colleagues and their partners, local authority officers and CYPs strategy managers from across our region.

If you would like to know more or to reserve a place please contact the Study Support team. Attendance is free but places are limited. October may sound a long way off just now as we wait for summer to begin but the start to the new academic year is always busy so we wanted to give readers in Nottinghamshire advance notice for diaries. The event will be of particular interest to Headteachers, Extended Services Co-ordinators, colleagues with responsibility for developing aspects of personalised learning, learning beyond the classroom, raising achievement and improving aspiration, attitudes and attendance.

QiSS/QES News

Congratulations to the following schools for achieving QiSS (Quality in Study Support) / QES (Quality in Extended Services) Recognition.

Emerged Level QiSS: Eastwood Junior School, Robert Miles Junior School, Elizabethan Family

Established Level QiSS: Hillside Primary School

Revalidation at Established Level QiSS: Maun Infant School, Retford Oaks High School

Emerged Level QES: Joseph Whitaker Family, Serlby Park Family

Established Level QES: Cotgrave Candleby Lane School, Kirkby Family



Recruitment and Selection Participation Training

Involving children, young people, parents and carers in the recruitment and selection of staff is a key priority within the Nottinghamshire participation strategy. This course will give staff the tools to support children, young people and parent/carer involvement in the recruitment and selection process.

Training Dates (9am - 4pm)

Wednesday 17th June Mansfield, Wednesday 8th July Ollerton, Tuesday 21st July County Hall.

This training is free and is available to staff working for organisations within the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Partnership. For more information contact: sam.tasker@nottscc.gov.uk or call 01623 433199.

Let's Grow

Morrisons are reopening their Let's Grow programme in the summer. Let's Grow aims to help schools show children that food doesn't just come from the supermarkets. Schools can redeem collected vouchers for brand new gardening equipment including seeds, spades and greenhouses.

If your school is already registered, you'll receive an email with all the information you need to get you growing again. If your school hasn't registered yet you can sign up at the start of the new school year.

Let's Grow can:

- inspire your pupils to lead a healthier lifestyle
- get free gardening equipment for your school
- provide teaching resources

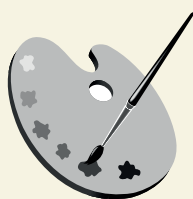


For more information visit the website at: www.morrisons.co.uk/letsgrow and click on the 'Lets grow' tab.

Arts Council England - Grants for the Arts

This scheme provides funding to support activities which engage people in the arts and help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. The scheme aims to be flexible and encourages new ideas, examples of eligible activity include projects and events, commissions and productions, activities for people to take part in, marketing and educational activities.

Grants for activities lasting up to three years range from £1,000 to £30,000 for individuals, and £1,000 to £100,000 for organisations.



Applications are welcome from individuals (e.g. artists, performers, writers and promoters) and organisations, including local authority and other public organisations, arts organisations and organisations whose normal activity is not related to the arts, including voluntary and community groups.

There is no deadline for the submission of applications.

Contact details and source of more information can be found at: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk>

Sport England Small Grants Programme

Funding totalling £7 million has been allocated to support local community sport which aims to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. The programme aims to support projects focusing on recognised sports with a clear sporting outcome, examples include assisting youth clubs in working together with local sports clubs to encourage more young people to play sport or helping sports clubs expand their age ranges by providing additional coaching fees or extra team kit.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to cover eligible costs which include revenue and small capital expenditure. Total project costs cannot exceed £50,000 and a maximum of £10,000 is available to organisations in any 12 month period.

Applications are welcome from voluntary and community sector organisations, local authorities, education establishments and sports clubs.

There is no deadline for the submission of applications.

Contact details and source of more information can be found at: <http://www.sportengland.org.uk>

