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Crewkerne & Ilminster Schools Partnership

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Annual CISP Sporting Events to remember a great Head teacher



We were all devastated last year when we lost a wonderful Head teacher in David Carter.

Among his many strengths and beliefs, David was a huge advocate of the power of sport to enhance and develop children's lives whether that was on the playing field or in the school hall do gymnastics.

The Partnership were very keen to ensure we maintained a legacy in his memory and so our schools decided to establish a series of sporting festivals and events throughout the year which would continue annually, celebrating the power of sport and encouraging as many children to participate in activity as possible.

In the spirit of David's strong attitude towards inclusivity, it was also agreed that at the end of the year each school would decide on a child to be recognized for their strength in performance, sportsmanship, effort or improvement. A trophy will be awarded in each school and children will receive medals to recognize their achievement.

Sports events, organized by different schools are already taking place. So far we have had Football, Cross Country and Gymnastics. Later there is Tag rugby, Kwik Cricket and Tennis as well as Multi Skills for Key Stage 1 children. We hope as many pupils as possible will want to take part as part throughout the year and feel sure David would be very proud of so many young people enjoying playing sport.

Ilminster pupils asking questions about their community

Prime Minister's question time had nothing on the questions that Greenfylde, Swanmead and Wadham pupils put to our Mayor Cllr Val Keitch in a recent session in the Council Chamber. All of the young people were very interested to know about a range of issues within the town including current building, amenities and parking issues. Cllr Keitch responded to every question raised and discussed with all the young people what would happen to their comments and concerns and where appropriate, who these would be passed onto. Claire Oaten, Headteacher at Greenfylde commented, 'As a Headteacher in an Ilminster school it gives you an immense sense of pride to see the young people of our town taking such an active interest in their community. From the questions they clearly want the best for Ilminster and these forums give our youngsters a voice for their ideas and thoughts and as our Mayor commented, perhaps a future Ilminster Town Councillor in the making.'



Maths development continues with good Reasoning Skills

Joint INSET sessions across CISP have now become commonplace each year in our cluster.

This continued in our October training day which was hosted by Wadham School with staff from Reception through to Year 13 looking at the teaching of Reasoning Skills in Mathematics.

The ideas and strategies learnt were taken back to schools and are now being implemented in the classroom.

Maths subject leaders continue to work closely together on a termly basis bringing together all the developments and resources which are produced through these INSET sessions and working groups.



Storytelling Workshop stirs imaginations of Year 3 pupils

Year 3 pupils from across the Partnership came together at the Henhayes Centre in January for a day using Storytelling as a focus for developing Speaking and Listening Skills.

Led by Anne Harvey, an external specialist the children were treated at the beginning to a fully acted story with plenty of audience participation. The rest of the day was spent working together to explore different aspects of language and vocabulary.

The day was part of a wider project across all our schools which is helping teachers support children in improving confidence in Speaking and Listening and using these skills to improve their Literacy work



Greenfylde hosts Gymnastics Event

On Monday 29th January five schools from the CISP partnership came together at Greenfylde First School for a Gymnastics session led by Germaine Tuff, gymnastics coach at Greenfylde.

The children were challenged to perfect their technique in preparation for the Gymnastics Key Steps Two competition in March. Mrs Tuff was impressed with the standard of the children's gymnastics from all the schools that attended.



Contact the Partnership

If you have any suggestions how the partnership can work even more closely together please contact Coordinator Rob Treacher



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