

# EXTENDED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Northwood Extended Schools Collaborative

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## WHAT IS EXTENDED SCHOOLS ?

Extended Schools offers a varied menu of activities (including study support) combined with high quality childcare accessible 08:00 - 18:00 five days a week, 48 weeks a year, through primary schools, community access to school facilities, swift and easy access (referral) to targeted and specialist services (ensuring that children with

additional needs are identified as early as possible), Parenting support (including transition support for their children).

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## HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hillside Primary School Olympic Torch Handover Ceremony: In September, a number of Hillingdon schools were involved in the handing over of a fake 'torch' to celebrate the hand over to UK. This took place over a three day period where representatives of each school either walked, jogged or ran from their school to the next.

Psalm festival at Emmanuel Church included the children's work displayed in the church portraying their interpretations of the psalms.

Big Sing - Hillside was involved in a "BIG SING" Guinness Book of Records event whereby over ½ million children sang the Desree track "You Gotta Be" at the same time. This event took place at the O2 ARENA (details on Newsround Website) and the local newspaper came in too.

In addition, regular classes at the school include:

Portuguese - takes place on the premises most weekdays after school and Tae Kwon Do - Wednesday evenings.

## COTEFORD INFANT SCHOOL

Coteford Infant School is a mainstream school with the privilege of additional funds to support children with physical disabilities. There is an emphasis on active learning in the classrooms and making lessons fun. The school has been re-awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the 3rd time for work in numeracy and literacy. Coteford has been awarded a Healthy School and has also gained the Inclusion award.

Recently a lot of refurbishment and building works have taken place in our school. Every class has an interactive whiteboard, we have an ICT suite and resources are excellent. We have a fantastic Conservation Area as well as "Spoon Island" our new playground equipment.

Coteford Infant School does a great deal of work with the community and aims to create and maintain excellent relationships with all those involved in the school community. Currently we offer a range of services accessible to the community including a weekly baby and toddler session, a mother and baby clinic, a weekly toy library and parenting classes. We are always keen to look at new ways to work with our community.

Our work within the collaborative has enabled us to extend the facilities within our toy library and help fund our before school clubs offered to children. In the near future, we are looking into ways to develop family learning.

## NORTHWOOD COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS CLUSTER:

### Primary Schools:

Coteford Infant & Junior School, Frithwood Junior School, Harlyn Junior School, Hillside Infant & Junior School, Holy Trinity School, Warrender School and Grangewood School.

### Secondary Schools:

Bishop Ramsey, Haydon and Northwood School.

An extended school works with the local authority and other partners to offer access to a range of services and activities which support and motivate children, young people and families to achieve the best standard of living and education as possible.

Extended Schools is about working together to create better services for the families of the Northwood Collaborative.

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## HARLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harlyn Primary School is pleased to be a member of the Northwood Collaborative. The idea of Extended Schools is one that we wish to continue to develop working along side other local schools.

At Harlyn, we have already established a regular after school club and we are investigating the idea of a breakfast club. The club meets nightly from 15:15 - 18:00 and is run by an external provider. The children have access to a number of activities and they are provided with a drink and a snack.

We were successful in bidding for additional capital funds through the Extended Schools Programme and this has provided us with additional space and a designated cloakroom area.

## HAYDON SCHOOL

The Haydon School Physical Education (PE) department are proud of their involvement in extended schools activities. This has been developed primarily through the role of the School Sports Co-ordinator (SSCo).

Currently, Haydon has strong links with a cluster of primary schools which include, Harlyn Primary, Coteford Infant, Coteford Junior and Grangewood Special School. In the current academic year there are an array of events and activities that are due to be taking place. In the spring of 2009 Haydon will be hosting a sports festival. This will include

We also received some funding to support vulnerable pupils to provide them with the opportunity to join in some of the after school and holiday activities.

Harlyn offers a wide range of after school activities as well as activities during school holidays. At the present time, we run football and multi sport weeks from 10:00 - 16:00 run by sports coaches.

We are currently discussing ideas about family learning opportunities. We would like to be able to offer parents the chance to develop their own skills, possibly working along side their children.

This is an exciting time for schools and it will help us to continue to work in partnership with our parents.

students from the cluster of local primary schools that the SSCo works with. March 2009 will see the first Reception and Year 1 dance festival/competition being held between a group of primary schools. The winners are to be invited back to perform for Haydon School's very own Gym and Dance show.

Haydon is fortunate to have a select group of young sports volunteers, who are available to help run and organise local events. In June 2009 these students will be helping to run Harlyn Primary schools community afternoon sporting event

## UPDATE ON BISHOP RAMSEY

The extensive building work at Bishop Ramsey School is near to completion and will mean that the whole school will be on the Hume Way site from Easter 2009. The new 'Wedge' building is already open and functioning and the refurbishment of the remaining buildings is well under way. The Lower School will close at the end of the Spring Term 2009. A Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch is also being built which will allow sports and PE activities to take place on an all weather area.

The brand new, state of the art, facilities at Bishop Ramsey will now be available for hire by local schools (especially those schools in the Northwood Collaborative who will have priority) and also the wider community, including local sports clubs.

Please contact Rachel Jerham, in the School office on 01895 639227 (extension 508), who is responsible for all school lettings.

It is proposed that an activities company will be hired to provide activities weeks during the summer holidays at the school. This again will be open to local schools and the wider community. It is hoped that this will begin during the summer holidays 2009.



## NEW PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR AT NORTHWOOD SCHOOL

As part of the Extended Schools Collaborative, The Northwood Collaborative has funded a Parent Support Advisor (PSA), called Meave Darroux to offer parenting support courses and classes, and one-to-one parenting support for parents across the collaborative schools.

As part of the Extended Schools core offer, Meave will focus on:

- Parenting Support
- Parent Engagement
- Family Learning
- Community Engagement

If you would like to contact Meave Darroux to discuss support you may currently need in your role as a parent, then please call her 07527 071945 to simply have a chat or arrange a meeting.