

# **OLYMPICS 2012**

## **TRAFFORD SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER**

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Trafford Council  
A host Borough for London 2012

### **The London 2012 Olympic Games are coming to Trafford from 26 July until 7 August 2012!**

Old Trafford has been selected as one of only a handful of venues outside of London to be hosting matches in the Olympic Football competition. Countries from all over the world will take part in a total of nine matches at the stadium, including quarter-final and semi-final games. Team GB men's team will play their first match at Old Trafford on the 26 July 2012. Tickets for the Olympic Football Tournament went on sale on the 29 November on a first come first served basis.

In addition, Partington Sports Village will be used as a Games-Time Training Venue for those playing at Old Trafford, and George Carnell Leisure Centre will play host to the Brazilian Paralympic Judo team.

Plans are in place to make sure the Trafford community fully benefits from the legacy of the Games, and the council is working in partnership with other local agencies to inspire people to join in the excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games through physical activity, volunteering and cultural activities.

## **Jonathan Edwards presents Trafford with host borough flag**

Olympic triple gold medallist Jonathan Edwards presented Trafford with its Host Borough Flag for the London 2012 Games. Jonathan travelled to Partington Sports Village to hand over the flag. The Sports Village has been selected as a Games training venue for football. Jonathan spent time with pupils from Broadoak High School, who are part of the Get Set network, and representatives from Trafford Council and Trafford Leisure Trust.



## ***NETWORK NUMBERS DOUBLE!***

Since the last Schools Newsletter was published in October the number of Trafford schools that have joined the Get Set Network has doubled to 38! More and more schools are realising the benefits of joining the network, which include the opportunity to apply for free Olympic tickets. On 5 December the official Get Set website showed that the following Trafford schools were network members.

All Saints RC Primary	Flixton Girls	St Hugh of Lin RC Primary
Altrincham CE Primary	Forest Gate Primary	St Mary's CE Primary (D)
Altrincham Coll. of Arts	Holy Family RC Primary	St Mary's CE Primary (S)
Altrincham GS for Boys	King's Rd Primary	St Teresa's RC Primary
Altrincham GS for Girls	Lostock College	St Vincent's RC Primary
Ashton on Mersey	Manor High	Stamford Park Junior
Barton Clough Primary	Navigation Primary	Stretford GS
Blessed Thomas Holford	Partington Primary	Stretford High
Broadoak	Sale GS	Urmston Junior
Cloverlea Primary	Sale High	Wellacre Academy
Davyhulme Primary	Seymour Park Primary	Willows Primary
Delamere	St Alphonsus RC Primary	Woodheys Primary
Firs Primary	St Ann's RC Primary	

**If your school is not on this list you will need to act quickly if you want to join the network!**

## ***How To Join The Network***

Get Set is the official London 2012 education programme for schools, college and local authority education providers across the UK.

The Get Set website [www.getset.london2012.com](http://www.getset.london2012.com)

This website offers a huge range of opportunities and resources targeted at 3-19 year olds.

You will find a whole range of flexible, interactive learning resources designed to get you thinking about the Olympic and Paralympic Values and the London 2012 Games – with games, fact sheets, films, news articles and much more.

This includes the most recent update 'Get Set for the Olympic Torch Relay' – an educational resource which will provide schools with cross-curricular resources aimed at teachers working with 3 to 16 year olds to aid learning around the history of Olympic Torch Relays, the design of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay and the Torch itself.

### **STEP 1:**

Register with the programme to receive access to even more resources and opportunities and monthly newsletters.

### **STEP 2:**

Join the Get Set Network and be rewarded and recognised for your school/college work. The network is made up of learning providers who are demonstrably living one or more of the Olympic and Paralympic Values and are committed to integrating these Values into their whole school development planning and ethos. This stage will also open up additional opportunities to your school.

## ***Navigation Primary School is a Primary Get Set Network School of the Month!***

Navigation was selected out of over 9,000 schools in the Get Set network because it has demonstrated outstanding commitment to living the Olympic and Paralympic Values in both creative and innovative ways. Its selection was based upon the fantastic blog entries that have been submitted by the school.

As a result of this achievement Get Set will reward the school by showcasing its hard work and by organising a surprise mascot visit.

Navigation is committed to spreading the Olympic and Paralympic Values internationally and engaging their students in a variety of Olympic and Paralympic cross curricular activities.

Navigation has been celebrating the Olympic and Paralympic Values through a variety of activities. It held an Olympic art day, where a range of activities

were available for pupils to take part in. The pupils also recently heard from a Gambian storyteller, who talked about his culture and way of life, followed by a challenge to students to create some Gambian inspired artwork.

Navigation also has strong international links with schools in both Papua New Guinea and Rwanda. The children have created posters about the countries and fact files about their teams and plan to send letters and videos about their school and local area.

## ***Adidas HQ Visit Opportunity***

Two of Trafford's Get Set Network schools will have the opportunity to visit the Adidas Headquarters in Stockport in 2012.

Pupils from the lucky schools will

- Meet the Adidas team at their offices in Stockport
- Take a tour through all departments
- Find out about Adidas' history and links to the Olympic Games
- See London 2012 clothing before it is sent to the shops

A future newsletter will let you know which lucky schools participated in this exciting visit.

## **The Willows Primary School Olympic Calendar 2012**

The children of the Willows Primary School have worked with the PTA to produce an Olympic Calendar for 2012. Each child's picture appears on the month of their birthday. The photos have an Olympic theme; for example, equestrian sports with children wearing riding hats and boots, or sailing where the children are pictured in a large inflatable dinghy. Each month also has an 'Olympic' question; for example, 'Which event do you think Mrs Foster (the Headteacher) could win a medal in?' Every child has suggested an answer which is printed next to their photo.

The Year 6 children took part in an extra challenge – to design the front cover. They were guided by a parent, Mrs Jones, who is a graphic designer and who gave her time over four weeks to run the project. Mrs Jones explained with examples how she would approach a design assignment in her job and then treated the children as if they were real graphic designers. Her company, McCann, provided professional materials for the children to use and work with. They were given a proper brief and had to create mood boards and scamps (drafts) of their ideas. These were then worked up into a final design, which had to have an accompanying written rationale. Each member of the class then presented their design to Mrs Jones and the rest of the class, who voted for their top 5. These designs were then presented to the team at McCann, who chose the winning entry.

Congratulations to Eleanor Janson, who will see her design made up for the calendar's front cover. Eleanor said, "I loved the project as Art is my favourite subject. I was very proud to win and can't wait to see the finished calendar. I hope lots of people buy it." In addition, McCann's were so impressed with all the children's contributions that a small copy of every design will appear on the back cover. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience elements of the world of work alongside supporting fundraising for the school.



Eleanor's winning cover entry is shown above.

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