

# **OLYMPICS 2012**

## **TRAFFORD SCHOOLS**

### **NEWSLETTER**

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***'London's vision is to reach young people all around the world, to connect them with the inspirational power of the games, so that they are inspired to choose sport'***

***Seb Coe, Chair of LOCOG***

#### **WHAT A SUMMER OF SPORT!**

By any measure the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics have been outstandingly successful. Excitement across the country steadily built as the torch was carried the length and breadth of the UK. The performances of GB's Olympic and Paralympic athletes have inspired and captivated millions of people, many of whom previously had little interest in sport. Minority sports have had unprecedented media coverage and young people are now aware of the breadth and wealth of sports available. The Olympic football games at Old Trafford were very well attended and drew hundreds of thousands of visitors to the borough. Cheap and free tickets were available to schools and many took advantage of those on offer so that local children and young people could experience the excitement of the games at first hand. This edition celebrates the impact of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in schools across the borough.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed articles and pictures over the past eighteen months. I've tried to include as many as possible but occasionally photos have not been in comparable formats or pictures and articles have had to be omitted due to pressures of space. If your school does not feature in this celebratory edition please accept my apologies. I've tried to give a flavour of the great work done in schools across the borough to inspire children and young people.

**Ken Bold**



British Olympic and world champion track cyclist Victoria Pendleton MBE and professional British Bicycle Motocross (BMX) racer and track cyclist Shanaze Reade made a surprise visit to Flixton Girls' School to launch adiStars. This is a new initiative from Adidas aimed to inspire young people to participate in sport in the run up to and beyond the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

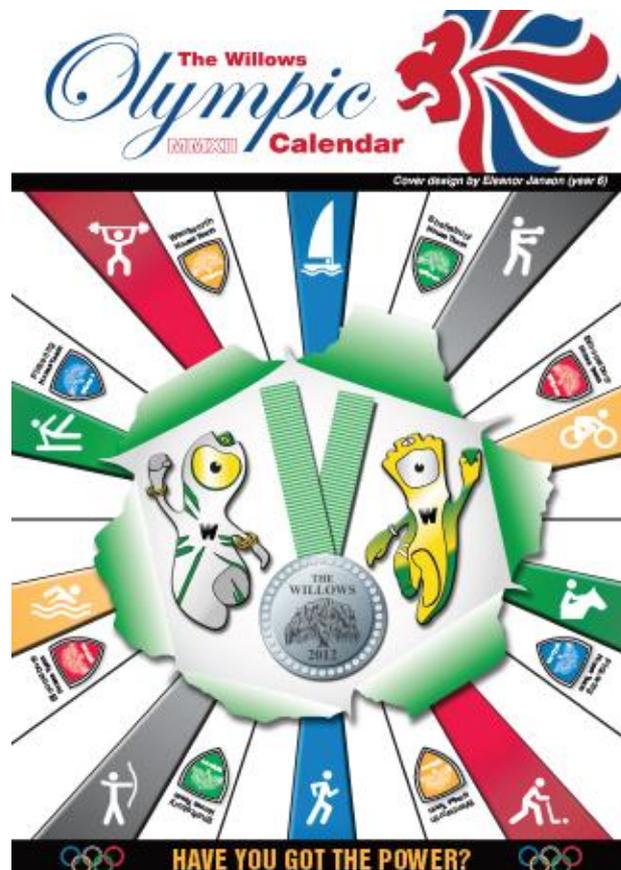


40 young people took part in the National School Sport Week Paralympic Day organised by Sport Trafford and the Trafford School Sport Partnerships. The pupils enjoyed a range of activities including trampolining, basketball, fencing and table tennis. New Paralympic equipment is now available for schools to use including sportshall athletics, table tennis, basketball and badminton. This is in addition to the Inclusion Equipment already available.

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 was selected as a Games training venue for football. Jonathan spent time with pupils from Broadoak High School and representatives from Trafford Council and Trafford Leisure Trust.



The children of the Willows Primary School 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.





***Year 10 students from Altrincham College of Arts delivered a special Olympic assembly to children at Stamford Park Infant School.***



***Greater Manchester School Games Music Competition Winners - Park Road Primary School, Sale***

## ***Trafford Schools Olympic Torch Relay***

Schools across the borough participated in an Olympic torch relay starting in June. Each school made two Olympic torches. One torch was for the school to keep, to use for its own events whilst the second torch was carried to the next school and left there to share the Olympic spirit between schools. Schools across Trafford participated with great enthusiasm in the Schools Torch Relay.



Trafford Young Ambassadors and children from Seymour Park Primary launched the Trafford schools torch relay



Children from St Mary's CE Primary (Davyhulme) and Urmston Junior School



The children of Woodheys enjoyed a fantastic visit from Michael Rock, the British 100m Butterfly Champion. During assembly he talked about his experiences at the Beijing Olympics, and described his training regime. He then visited every class to answer the children's questions. The children were very excited to meet such a dedicated athlete. They asked lots of questions about his experiences and all learned something about what it takes to be an Olympian.



Primary schools across the borough entered the Olympic and Paralympic poster competition. Each school's winning entry was on display in Room 2 at Sale West. The overall winner was Laura Lee who is a pupil at St Mary's CE Primary in Sale. Her poster is shown above.

