

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the South East Young Ambassador Newsletter!

The central hub for all the great news stories of the fabulous Young Ambassadors across South East Wales.

Torfaen

Silver YA secures Commonwealth Games star to inspire young people to take part in squash.

Will Daley a Silver YA in St Albans RC High School, Pontypool has worked with Sports Development to set up a community squash session aimed at comprehensive aged children. After meeting with Welsh Squash and local Commonwealth Games squash player Scott Fitzgerald the weekly session has been booked in to start on March the 5th at Pontypool Active Living Centre. The session will cater for up to 12 children providing expert coaching from a Commonwealth athlete and also provide a direct link to Pontypool Squash Club.

Newport

Young Ambassador journey's begin through Playmaker Award

At the beginning of February, 63 children from eight primary schools across Newport started their journey as a Young Ambassador by becoming a Bronze Young Ambassador through completing their Sport Leaders Playmaker Award. Through a day of fun practical activities, the pupils learnt about the concept of PACE and how they can use this within schools. Through learning about leadership and PACE the pupils were excited to get back to school and put in place what they had learnt! Now trained and ready the pupils are able to support sport and physical activity sessions in lessons and at break times in their schools as well as acting as the pupil's voice within their respective school and sport councils. Well done to all the pupils at Gaer Primary, Alway Primary, Ringland Primary, Rougemount School, Charles Williams Church Primary, St Gabriels Primary, Eveswell and Pillgwently Primary School for completing their Playmaker Award!

Caerphilly

Bronze YA's give Senedd Speech

On February 4, Kenzie Reynolds and Joshua Healey, both 10, spoke at the Sport Leaders conference at the Senedd. In front of an audience of 100 people, including First Minister Carwyn Jones and the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ken Skates, the Year 6 pupils talked about their role as bronze ambassadors. During their three-minute presentation, Kenzie and Joshua explained how the programme has helped them to develop communication and organisational skills and how they have championed the role of physical activity at school. Victoria Perkins, PE co-ordinator at Markham Primary, said: "They're very confident young children and they absolutely nailed it."

Monmouthshire

Young Ambassador's apply for PLPS Dragon's Den!

Young Ambassadors from across Monmouthshire have applied for £500 to run a pupil voice project of their choice, successful applications will be invited to pitch this idea in front of a judging panel that includes platinum YA's and interns. This procedure will help improve the skills and confidence of the YA's.

Blaenau-Gwent

YA's inspire young leaders in Blaenau Gwent Leaders Conference

55 sports leaders from across the 4 senior schools in Blaenau Gwent attended this year's Inspire sports development conference held at Ebbw Vale Leisure centre. The conference was organised entirely by the silver, gold and platinum Blaenau Gwent Ambassadors for the year 10 pupils in the schools who are currently involved in taking the Sports Leaders level 2 qualifications. This year's conference was opened by Blaenau Gwent's AM Alun Davies.

The conference allows the year 10 sports leaders to sample and get involved in the Inspire Sports Development programmes. The conference had workshops from Disability, Multiskills, Street Games and leadership. The leaders were also given the opportunity to apply for the next level and become an Ambassador. The conference was a huge success and a credit to all the hard work of the Ambassadors during the past 3 months.

