

Oakham Family

Extended Services
Newsletter
Spring Term 2009



What is an extended school?

An extended school is one that provides a range of activities and services, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community.

All Rutland schools offer access to :

Childcare
Community Access
A varied menu of activities
Parenting support

Swift and easy access to specialist support services



Oakham Family of Extended Schools

The schools in the Oakham family are:

- Vale of Catmose College
- Brooke Hill Primary School
- English Martyrs RC Primary
- Langham CE Primary School
- Oakham CE Primary School
- The Parks School
- Southfield CP School
- Whissendine CE Primary School

Radiowaves

Radiowaves is a network for schools to set up their own radio station via the internet. We are pleased to announce that all primary and secondary schools in the Oakham family are taking part in this exciting project. Each school has received full training and all pupils are able to become budding reporters. They are now busy writing articles, recording audio, video and podcasts to put on the website. We know that the children and young people are enjoying the opportunity to use professional equipment to produce podcasts both in school and out of school time. Each reporter has their own web page so that you can access their work at home and become involved.

You can see their work at www.radiowaves.co.uk.

Click on stations and then scroll down to Rutland Network to see and listen to the work so far.



If you have any comments, feedback or ideas for this newsletter or any other Extended Services issues, please contact Lesley Hawkes, Extended Services Coordinator on lhawkes@rutland.gov.uk or 01572 758421.



Drama

All year 6 pupils should have had or are due to have the opportunity to take part in some drama sessions with a teacher from Vale of Catmose College. Feedback from the session so far has been great, so if your child has not yet been involved in a session, your school will soon be organising them. We hope this will be a fun start to a successful transition to VCC for many pupils.

What's Cooking?

After some successful transition sessions last year, VCC have now set up their own cookery club. Funding was obtained via a government source as healthy eating is high on the government's agenda. Demand for places was high and successful candidates met twice before Christmas with further sessions planned. Each year 7 pupil at VCC has also received a cook book from the government to try to encourage more cooking skills and healthy eating.

Inclusive Multiskills Club

An inclusive multiskills club for children with disabilities or particular special needs where they can develop their fundamental movement skills (agility, balance and coordination) has been set up in Oakham.

Delivered by a qualified gymnastics coach—Amanda Mathers - 07894991980

Mondays - Vale of Catmose Gymnasium

Time - 4-5pm, Cost - £1.50

Dancing Opportunities

Dancing is a great way to get children and young people (especially girls) involved in doing more physical activity. It is also an activity which is frequently requested by the children and young people themselves. We have been able to fund a dance tutor through our sports colleagues who will take sessions at schools throughout the family. VCC have also invested in some dance mats which are available to use in the canteen. Girls from VCC will also be able to take part in a new dance club which will be aimed at girls wanting to develop their dance skills further. More information can be found from the PE department.



Young People's Art Sessions

Free Drop-In Family Activities in the Gallery at VCC, Oakham.

Children are to be accompanied by an adult, materials provided, no booking required.

Natures Prints 9 - 24th January
Pom-Pom Monsters 27th January - 7th February
Felt Pictures 10 - 21st February
3D Flowers 27th Feb. - 14th March
Colourful Easter Eggs 20th March - 9th April

Ring for Gallery Opening Hours:
01572 725904.



Trampolining

Sessions

Trampolining sessions will be taking place at the following schools in the New Year for **all** primary schools:



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| Bringhurst | Ketton |
| Edith Weston | Southfield |
| Cottesmore | Langham |

Kitesports

Kitesports (Kiteboarding and Kitebugging) will be taking place for all primary schools after Easter.



Fencing

Fencing sessions will be taking place for all primary schools in the New Year. Venues to be confirmed (1 school per family).



Further details

All schools will be informed of venues, days and times once confirmed. Booking details will be sent home via schools.

Rutland School Sport Partnership Manager:
Chris Thomas
cthomas@rutland.gov.uk
01572 722286

Youth Team

The Youth team at Rutland County Council, will continue to run the Youth Club in Oakham for 10-14yr olds. This runs after school at Vale of Catmose College every Thursday at 3.30-5.30pm. The club re-starts 8th January 2009 and all are welcome from VCC and feeder primary schools. The Youth Team also run a mobile drop in for VCC students every Friday at 12.15pm-1.15pm for any concerns or issues young people may have.



For any further questions please contact Jackie Difilco on 01572 756655.

VAR

VAR can provide a wealth of information on the different charities and services available to people in Rutland.

A wide choice of volunteering opportunities are available throughout the county. Look on www.do-it.org.uk website or contact us to discover the opportunity to suit you.

VAR provides a service which loans child safety equipment such as stair gates and fire guards etc. Referrals to the scheme are made by professionals in the statutory and voluntary sector. We also have a Data-Link scheme, providing vital information to the emergency services should they need to be called to your home, more details are available on request.

Helping in Schools Courses

Do you go into a primary school to help or would like to? Would you like to know about how to support SEN pupils? Would you like a chance to gain credits from the National Open College Network? Courses start w/c 19th January 2009. Tuesdays and Thursdays-9.00am-2.30pm for 10 weeks. Contact Sue Hatch 01780 756060.

Introducing Rutland Adult Learning's



new Learning Development Workers

In September Michelle Brown and Linda Wylie took up the new posts of Learning Development Workers for Rutland Adult Learning with the remit spreading the word about what Adult Learning Courses are available locally.

Michelle and Linda are available in the Adult Learning and Information centre on Melton Road in Oakham on a Wednesday between 9 am - 4.30 pm, for anyone who would like information on adult learning courses.
Linda Wylie Tel 07827977395 Email lwylie@catmose.rutland.sch.uk
Michelle Brown Tel 07771983869 Email mbrown@catmose.rutland.sch.uk
Main Office Tel 01572 771700

Keeping up with the Children

"Keeping up with the Children" courses are run to help you to help your child before and during their school years. They can help you to understand the way numeracy and literacy are taught at your child's school and also help with your own Maths and English.

Courses can vary from a short 6 week course, with 6 x 2 hour sessions, or there are longer courses if people are interested. You can even take a qualification at the end of the longer courses.

Keeping up with the Children-Literacy

Whissendine C of E Primary
Main Street, Whissendine

Starting on Monday 12 January 2009
From 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

Keeping up with the Children-Numeracy

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
Willow Crescent, Oakham

Starting Thursday 15 January, 2009
from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Wider Family Learning

(for children and parents)
Wednesday 28th January
Whissendine School 3.45 to 5.45pm
The Wild Life Detective-Steve Pole

Thursday 12 February
Edith Weston School 3.45 to 5.45pm
Gingerbread Man- Fran Barker

Wednesday 25 February
Edith Weston School
Model Making-Steve Pole

Thursday 26 February
Whissendine School
Gingerbread Man- Fran Barker

Wednesday 4 March
Edith Weston School
Plant Propagation- Steve Pole

If you would like more information or would like to book a place on any of the above courses, please ring Doreen 01572 725905 or Jane on 07769912258.

The courses are all free of charge.

