

# Ruabon Development Centre PE and school sport

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Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ruabon Development Centre PE and School Sport newsletter. This term the Development Centre will focus on two priority areas, gymnastics and dance. Each school within the Rhiwabon Development Centre will either receive mentoring support in gymnastics or dance.

Gymnastics	Dance
Rhosymedre Infants	Acrefair
Cefn Mawr	Ceiriog
Chirk Infants	St Mary's
Maes y Llan	
Rhosymedre Juniors	

## Gymnastics

Paddy Bingham, Development Centre manager will be supporting the gymnastic programme and has arranged a series of 6 visits this term to mentor teachers. Rhiwabon Development Centre is one of only 6 Development Centres that is piloting the national gymnastic project. New resources have been provided for the Rhiwabon DC to trial locally.

As part of the Continuing Professional Development a basic gymnastic course for teachers from Key Stage 1 and 2 has been arranged for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9 – 3pm at Ysgol Rhiwabon. The course tutor is Jan Gadd, an ITET tutor from UWIC and a consultant on the National Gymnastic PESS project. She has been instrumental in developing these new resources. It is hoped that as many teachers from the Development Centre as possible attend this course. Paddy will be supporting more schools in gymnastics next term.

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## Dance

Paul Davies from North East Wales Dance will be supporting two teachers from each of the targeted schools this term until Christmas. Each school can receive up to 4 visits from Paul. Those schools that have received dance support this term will receive gym next term and visa versa.

Zoe, a dance practitioner with NEW Dance will be holding a dance taster day in Ysgol Rhiwabon for pupils from Year 7 and 8 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Zoe's background is in Street Dance. The taster day has been arranged by Claire Ballamy, a new member of the PE staff at Ysgol Rhiwabon. Claire Ballamy has received personal tuition from Paul Davies and will be working with year 7 pupils after half term as part of the curriculum.

An after school dance club will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 3.15 – 4.15pm at Ysgol Rhiwabon with Zoe as the practitioner.

## Funding Applications

Rhiwabon DC has applied to the Sports Council for Wales to enable more girls to take part in sport - Nike Girls in Sport and Girls First. If successful, the school can receive up to £3000. An application has also been submitted to the Arts Council for Wales to support the dance project for both Rhiwabon and Darland Development Centres. The total project amounts to over £7000 and it is hoped that the Arts Council will provide £3500 in funding.

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