

St. Thomas's
Community
GAMES
2010



Friday 25th June
until Friday 9th July

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Dear

Shaukat

15th

June 2010

I want to congratulate you on the success of the St Thomas's Community Games which are known across the country as a beacon of community cohesion and which I am very proud to officially open.


I strongly believe that sport brings people together in way that nothing else can. To see your community unified by teamwork and the pursuit of excellence and I think that more towns across the country should follow your great example.

Hard work, practice and training are the roads to success and I am glad to see children here in Dudley learning this in such a fun way at such a young age.

I look forward to seeing you and all the children taking part at the opening ceremony.

All best wishes,

Ed Balls, MP for Morley & Outwood and Shadow Education & Children's Secretary



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2010 St Thomas's Community Games. Over the last four years the games have become a local tradition being held biannually. These bring together local school children, parents, community groups and businesses to participate in a number of activities that are competitive and above all some fun. The games foster the ethos of teamwork, hard work, training, determination and discipline, as well as enjoyment and fitness.

We have been honoured to have local sporting heroes such as Ryan Bradley, Commonwealth medallist and Anna Ika-Oqua, 2012 Olympic prospect, carry the Olympic Torch through the streets of Dudley Town into the historic grounds of Dudley Castle. These sporting heroes make us immensely proud of their achievements and help inspire our children; sportsmen and women in Dudley achieve their aspirations and ambition. We are also privileged to welcome the Ed Balls, MP, Shadow Education and Children's Secretary and Ian Austin, MP to officially open this year's games.

Members of the Organising Committee have put in a great deal of work, dedication and commitment in ensuring that the games happen. We are indebted to everyone who has contributed to the success of the games. In particular our heartfelt thanks to local schools, our sponsors, businesses, charitable, community, voluntary and statutory organisations who have once again without any hesitation supported the games either financially or in kind. The games are an excellent example of partnership in action and we hope that these games will continue to grow from strength to strength as we move closer to the spectacular 2012 Olympics.

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the Organising Committee in the planning of these games.

Councillor Shaukat Ali
Chairman, Organising Committee



Community and School Games Programme



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Community Games			
Date	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 25 th June	Opening Ceremony	Dudley Castle	10am - 1pm
Saturday 26 th June	Five a side football tournament	Green Park	11am - 2pm
Sunday 27 th June	Fun run / walk	Buffery Park	1pm - 3pm
Monday 28 th June	Table football tournament	St Thomas's Network	5pm start
Saturday 3 rd July	Family fun day	Green Park	11am - 3pm
Sunday 4 th July	Cricket	Castle High School	11am - 4pm
Wednesday 7 th July	Fun run / walk	Green Park	5pm start
Friday 9 th July	Awards / Celebration event	Dudley Town Hall	5pm - 8pm
Secondary Schools Games			
Monday 28 th June	Student cricket match	Castle High	2pm start
Wednesday 30 th June	Staff football match	Hillcrest	4pm start
Primary Schools Games			
Friday 18 th June	Athletics	Blowers Green Primary School	1.30pm start
Wednesday 30 th June	Orienteering	Kate's Hill Primary School	1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Basketball	St Joseph's RC Primary School	4pm start
Friday 2 nd July	Cricket tournament	Sledmere Primary School	1.30pm start
Wednesday 7 th July	Golf	Enville Golf Club	10am - 12pm
After Schools Club Mini Olympics			
Wednesday 30 th June	Mini Olympics	Multi Use Games Area between St Thomas's Network and St Edmunds & St Johns School	4pm - 6pm
Thursday 1 st July	Playground markings finals	St Josephs Catholic Primary School	4pm - 5.30pm

Ian Austin MP



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On your side

Dear Councillor Ali,

Four years ago the people of Dudley came together to compete in the St Thomas's Community Games that you organised. The events which have been held regularly since have been a huge success, bringing together children from across the town and I am delighted to hear that you are organising them again this year.

These games show Dudley at its best. They bring people from across the whole community together and show what we can do when we work together.

The St Thomas's Games inspire young people in Dudley to emulate the town's sporting stars like Duncan Edwards, Dorothy Round, Adrian Rollinson and Ryan Bradley. They achieved success because of the efforts they made and the hard work they put in. They also show the young people involved in the games what can be achieved when you work hard to be the very best you can be.

On a personal level I was very proud to meet young athletes from our town who are hoping to compete at the Olympic Games in London 2012, including Ann Ika Oqua who has since appeared on the National Stage alongside stars such as Dame Kelly Holmes and boxing champion Amir Khan.

Please accept my sincere congratulations to you, your colleagues on the committee, members of the community, local schools, sports organisations and everyone taking part in these games.

Best wishes for a successful games.

Ian Austin
Labour MP for Dudley North

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Message from Headteachers

The St. Thomas's Community Games have become a very special and prestigious event and one which is not only a tradition for the St. Thomas's area, but also, a much acclaimed example of community cohesion to other parts of the Dudley Borough and way beyond. As such, the local schools are delighted to take part and we all fully support the key values it promotes.

As a community of different Primary and Secondary schools, we already work closely together by sharing our ideas, our skills and our expertise, and by doing so, we can all learn and develop together. The Games help to extend this further by allowing hundreds of our children to gather together and have the opportunity to use their skills and their talents and, in turn, they can develop and learn from each other.

Special thanks of appreciation must go to all of the organisers who have been involved in arranging the Games. They have worked so hard and deserve full success. They have maintained the true principles of the Olympic Games- "of competing in a spirit of friendship" so that it can bring about "unity through sport." What a wonderful asset this event should be for the whole of the St. Thomas's community.

"Let the Games begin."

Clive Danks

Headteacher, Sledmere Primary School

Lynda Donaldson

Headteacher, Kates Hill Primary School

Phil Harrison

Headteacher, St Edmund and
St John Primary School

Denis Cody

Headteacher, St Josephs RC Primary School

Surinder Sehmbi

Headteacher, Blowers Green Primary School

April Garret

Headteacher, Hillcrest School and
Performing Arts College

Michelle King

Headteacher, Castle High School
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