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Introduction

Welcome to Issue 3 of SOLAR News!

This email newsletter will provide regular updates on how Nottingham City Council's Sport, Opportunities, Life Skills, Adventure and Risk Management (SOLAR) Service can support schools and their young people.

We hope you find it useful and please don't hesitate to get in touch with any suggestions or questions.

SOLAR Service Forum Meeting - SOLAR is a multi-skilled team bringing together Sport, Outdoor Learning, Life Skills, Adventure and Risk Management to provide you with a unique range of enrichment services, all in one place. Working to statutory frameworks, evidence based practice and in collaboration with schools, we offer experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom to new contexts and challenges. This can help young people to develop character and grow, learn to work together, manage risk and develop important social and life skills across new environments. SOLAR offers engaging dimensions to learning and achievement in your school, developing children and young people through challenge, teamwork, personal attainment and social skills to improve their life chances and attainment in the classroom and beyond.

We very much want to consult with our customers to ensure we are offering value for money and can continue to be able to meet customer requirements.

We would like to invite you to our service forum meeting on Wednesday 17th October from 4.00pm until 5.00pm at The College Street Centre. The focus will be to ascertain from schools what you believe we do well, could be improved, and

Events and Training

Offsite/Educational Visit Coordinator Training - Friday 16th November 2018 (9.30 am - 4pm) at The College Street Centre.

Offsite/Educational Visit Coordinator Update Training - Tuesday 20th November 2018 (1pm - 4pm) at The College Street Centre.

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what you would like to see in the future. Your feedback will be invaluable in enabling us to meet your needs. Places will be limited to ensure effective dialogue can be had in a relatively short meeting time. Please could you confirm your attendance a place as possible by emailing school.swimming@collegest.org.uk

Sport



Sheriff's Challenge - After a successful challenge last year, that saw many Primary/Special schools running or walking on a regular basis to smash the annual target, we have set a new challenge for the 2018/2019 academic year. The challenge to schools is to walk or run a collective 100,000 miles. Individually, pupils are challenged to run or walk 125 miles (the distance from Nottingham's Market Square to London's Olympic Park) over the academic year. The educational and health benefits of an active mile type approach to physical activity are widely reported. Activity can be logged for FREE on the Sheriff's Challenge App. This initiative is free of charge to Nottingham located schools. To get involved or for more information, email Helena.cresswell@collegest.org.uk

National Ice Centre Opportunities - There are still a few slots left for the National Ice Centre's Ice Skating programme this academic year, please email Matt.bradbury@national-ice-centre.com for further information.

Risk Management

Offsite/Educational Visit Coordinator Training - The next Educational Visit Coordinator Training will take place on Friday 16th November from 9.30am until 4pm at The College Street Centre, NG1 5AQ. The cost of the training is £100. Please note that on street parking is limited on College Street and is subject to pay and display charges. For Nottingham City's Children and Adults establishments, Off Site/Educational Visit Coordinators must be nominated by the head of establishment. Every establishment must have a nominated OVC/EVC. An update of the training must be attended every 3 years. It is strongly recommended that academies follow this best practice. If you would like to book on to a course, please email: andrew.smith@collegest.org.uk. For more information please visit: <https://bit.ly/2NAX3aT>

Offsite/Educational Visit Coordinator Updated Training -

The Educational Visit Coordinator Training will take place on Tuesday 20th November from 1pm until 4pm at The College Street Centre, NG1 5AQ. The cost of the training is £50. Please note that on street parking is limited on College Street and is subject to pay and display charges. For Nottingham City's Children and Adults establishments, Off Site/Educational Visit Coordinators must be nominated by the head of establishment. Every establishment must have a nominated OVC/EVC. An update of the training must be attended every 3 years. It is strongly recommended that academies follow this best practice. If you would like to book on to a course, please email: andrew.smith@collegest.org.uk. For more information please visit: <https://bit.ly/2NAx3aT>

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