



Dragon Sport in the Community



During the Spring, the Carmarthenshire Dragon Sport Team focused on providing support to existing and new clubs within the community in order to provide more opportunities for children to take part in regular activities outside of school.

Dragon Sport have teamed up with a number of different clubs and sports over the last few months to discuss ways in which Dragon Sport can help to develop the club's junior section.

Athletics

Llanelli Athletics Club

A new Dragon Sport Athletics Community Club for Yr 3 & 4 pupils is being launched in partnership with Llanelli Athletics Club! The club, based at the Athletics Track at Parc Y Scarlets will provide an opportunity for all children within this age group to participate in a variety of athletics activities focusing on the Dragon Sport ethos of fun and fair play.



The 1st session will take place on Wednesday 4th May from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Hilary Jones, Dragon Sport Officer says 'Llanelli Athletics club have been very supportive of the Dragon Sport Scheme and we are very pleased to be setting up this new club in partnership with them.'

Amman Valley Harriers

Dragon Sport have teamed up with the club to provide additional support to the club's existing junior section. The junior section will be re-launched as a Dragon Sport club in June, with the focus on fun and fair play. New and existing members will be encouraged to attend.

Carmarthen Harriers Athletics Club

There is a possibility of starting up a new U9s section at the club which will focus on fun & enjoyment. A parent volunteer has shown an interest in leading this club and we are now in discussions with the parent, club members and Carmarthen Leisure Centre on how to move this new initiative forward.

Cricket

Carmarthenshire U9s Dragon Sport Cricket

Following a successful consultation with the majority of the junior cricket clubs within the county, Dragon Sport are now in a position to support the U9s sections of these clubs.



Dragon Sport will support the club by –

- Providing equipment
- Organising a Dragon Sport Organiser Workshop
- Coordinating monthly fixtures
- Supporting and advising on the running of Dragon Sport Sessions
- Improving links between the clubs and primary schools

This new initiative, also in partnership with Cricket Wales will commence in June 2011.

Football

Dragon Sport and Welsh Football Trust Girls Football



Dragon Sport and the Welsh Football Trust are working in partnership to pilot a new unique initiative to increase the number of girls playing football in Carmarthenshire.

The idea came about from a meeting between Dragon Sport and the Welsh Football Trust, where it was realised that both initiatives now had similar targets, i.e. to work closely with community clubs

and to increase the number of girls taking part in sport and physical activity.

Although currently many girls play football across the county, many more may not because they are put off by the fact they have to play with and against boys. This new programme will overcome this barrier as it's just for girls!!

The programme will run from May to August and will provide fortnightly fun festivals for Community clubs Under 8s and Under 10s 4-a-side teams at Llanelli, Carmarthen and Ammanford. The focus of these events will be to give girls the opportunity to play in a non-threatening environment where they can practice their skills, develop their confidence and of course enjoy the game.

Each club that joins the programme will receive support from Dragon Sport and the WFT by means of an equipment bag and activity cards, coach education programme and mentoring support at no cost. From this we hope clubs will expand to cater for more girls in their training sessions or to offer girls only sessions.