

Leigh Park Community Improvement Partnership



CIP NEWS

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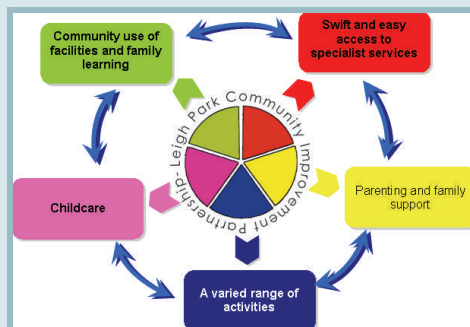
Who we are?

The Leigh Park Community Improvement Partnership (CIP) was established to follow on from, and build on the work and successes of, the Hampshire Excellence Cluster / Behaviour Improvement Partnership and before that the Education Action Zone, all of which centred on Leigh Park. The quality and effectiveness of the partnership work of the Leigh Park schools through these initiatives has been recognised and celebrated both locally and nationally.

Leigh Park...a community where 'EVERYBODY MATTERS'

The five 'Core Offer' areas for parents and families

- Quality childcare on site or through local providers (All year round 8.00am to 6.00pm)
- A varied range of activities
- Parenting and family support
- Swift and easy access to specialist support services
- Community use of facilities and family learning



We will aim to...

- ...work in partnership with parents, carers and young people, education providers, services and community groups in Leigh Park.
- ...work together to share ideas and ways of working, and support each other.
- ...recognise that some children and families have additional needs and may be 'at risk', and ensure that appropriate support is available.
- ...encourage the Leigh Park community to value, celebrate and extend the talents, learning and aspirations of its residents.

Our community working together to make a difference!

How do we achieve this?

The Leigh Park CIP is involved in supporting and promoting a broad range of joint projects working with its community partners. Each project has been developed to meet a particular need identified within the local community and relates to at least one of the five 'core offer' areas. Projects have been funded, resourced and supported through contributions from various partners with the aim being to be involved with a small number of projects at any one time to try and make sure that these are sustainable and eventually become self-supporting.

Currently the following projects are running in Leigh Park CIP schools:

- Family craft clubs
- Cook and eat programme

- Library project and school librarians group
- Cackle & Pop CIP Party
- ACE Youth Challenge:
 - Film club
 - Enterprise scheme
- Children's University
- Sex and Relationship Education—primary forum
- Oral Health Project
- Start Schools project (Yr R / 3 / 7)
- Park Life Newspaper Junior reporter 'Park People' column

Further details of what's on offer at your local school can be found on our website www.leighparkcip.org or by contacting the school.

CIP Schools

- Barncroft Infant School
- Barncroft Junior School
- Front Lawn Infant School
- Front Lawn Junior School
- Park Community School
- Prospect School
- Riders Infant School
- Riders Junior School
- Riverside School
- Sharps Copse Primary School
- St Thomas Mores Primary School
- Staunton Community Sports College
- Trosnant Infant School
- Trosnant Junior School
- Warren Park Primary School
- Woodlands Education Centre

What's new??

Did you know the Leigh Park CIP now have two Parents Support Advisers working across our schools, offering support, advice, guidance and a listening ear to parents of school children. For information contact Dawn Kefford (dawn.kefford@hants.gov.uk) or Karen Kierstenson (Karen.kierstenson@hants.gov.uk).

Dawn and Karen will be working alongside our family support workers, Elaine Jackson and Karen McCarthy, who are supported by our Family Services Manager, Penny Broadhurst.

 * **Have you got any news or information you'd like to share with the Operational Hub Group?** *
 * **Please supply your articles for inclusion in the next newsletter to: info@leighparkcip.org** *

CIP Extended Services updates - Jan Groom

Cackle and Pop party/ACE – Next 'Cackle and Pop' free discos for Primary age children will be on 30.11.09 with an event for 210 children at Park Community school (5.30 – 7.30pm). This year's events are being funded by The Safer Havant Partnership, but other community partners are also participating and supporting the event. Guinness-Hermitage have also donated additional funding for the next event.

Developing Youth projects in LP - The CIP are supporting a variety of new Youth projects:

'VIBE'- A group of local Councillors, churches and members of the Youth council are working to develop a Youth project / drop in to be based at the LP Community Centre one evening per week. A sponsored walk took place on 28.6.09 along Hermitage Stream and the money will be used to support activities for the project ...contact June Hannan (june.hannan@havant.gov.uk) for more details.

Park 'Young volunteers' group - Following a talk given to the Yr 7 pupils at Park Community six pupils have formed 'Nutcrackers' a young volunteers group. They currently meet monthly and besides helping at the Cackle and Pop parties they are also supporting other community event including Leigh Park Carnival.

Park Youth 'drop-in' - Summer 09 – During the recent school holidays, Park Community School have been running a free 'drop-in' session. This has been well attended by young people from 8 – 14 yrs old. To support this new service the CIP funded a play worker to be available to supervise the young people for some sessions. It is hoped to develop this activity in future holidays for 09/10.

Family Learning - Family Craft clubs now run in 8 CIP primary schools funded by the New Horizons Big Lottery. Each school offers 3 /4 sessions per term to children and families who attend their school. The workshops are supported by Making Space, Hampshire learning and School staff.

- Diane Heys, from Hampshire learning would like members to be aware of the 'Learning in libraries' programme (brochure available) For more information contact : diane.heys@hants.gov.uk

Safeguarding working party - . If you would like to attend the next meeting it is on 28.9.09 – 9.00 – 11.00 am, and let me know if you would like to be added to the distribution list for the Working party.

For more safeguarding information about the new Independent Safeguarding Authority view the website : www.isa.gov.org

Disability Training for Service providers - The CIP has been working with STREETSPORT and the Havant and Petersfield Special Needs Forum to pilot the provision of training opportunities for those providers who want to support to disabled children and young people to participate in activities within their organisation.

We have currently run 3 courses, each for 20 people:

- Supporting the disabled in Sport (provider : Sport England)
- Managing challenging behaviour (provider: Prospect school)
- Autism awareness (provider : Autism society)

If you are interested in more information about how your organisation can participate in rolling out this training to other organisations please contact me via the CIP office.

Wireless Network for Leigh Park – 5 Mile Communications For the past few months the CIP schools have been working in partnership with a local IT company to develop free wireless internet access across Leigh Park (as per the presentation at the last meeting). It is hoped that this service will be come on line and be launched over the next couple of months. If you would like more information please contact : Peter Reed-Forester – email : prf@5miles.net

Other dates that may be of interest in the Leigh Park area:

- w/b 12.10.09 – Cirque de Normandy – venue : Staunton Country Park
Circus skills workshops and 4 performances for participating schools across Havant.
- Mid/end –October Launch of 'Wireless Internet' for Leigh Park
- 21.10.09 – closing date for copy to Park Life Newspaper
- 30.11.09 – Cackle and Pop party – Park Community School (5.30 – 7.30pm)