

Study Support School Programme (S3P) at Blenheim

During the 2013/14 school year, the CEFL S3P at Blenheim provided 2 hour sessions, twice a week after school additional curricular learning support in literacy, numeracy and science to help raise attainment levels for nearly 30 school children - year 4 to 8 learners, majority (80%) of whom were residents of Blenheim Garden Estate.

This amazing project is a co-production between the Blenheim Gardens residents, the Residents Management Organisation (RMO) and CEF Lynxcx, a local not-for-profit organisation.

With the success of the fore-mentioned school year, we are pleased to announce for the current school year 2014/15, our programme has been extended to include year 9 learners and will run 2 hour sessions, 4 days each week; good news for learners and parents alike! We would like to extend a special thank you to our funders, the Walcot Foundation, Pudsey BBC Children in Need and the Blenheim Gardens Residents' Management Organisation (BGRMO).

End of 2013/14 S3P Year Event

Another great achievement for S3P occurred on 18th July whereby parents and carers joined young learners from our S3P for an event held in Blenheim Gardens. This was a great way to celebrate a successful conclusion to the end of the 2013/14 academic Year, with the event being attended by nearly 40 parents and young people.



Young people and parents at the End of Year Event

This joyous occasion kicked off with Miss Navlet Williamson, Chair of CEFL, introducing the programme of events, thanking young people for their participation in the S3P and their achievements over the year and of course we couldn't forget the parents, their support and hard work throughout the period was acknowledged too! This was followed by the year 7 and 8s holding a debate on a topic of their choice. *"Should young*

people under the age of 13 be allowed unrestricted access to the Internet?" Which proved to be very informative!

It was a boys vs. girls affair, with the girls arguing very strongly against the idea, resulting in them winning the favour of the audience.

The winning team, were presented with a gold medal by the Mr Eamon Maguire, Chair of Blenheim Gardens Residents Management Organisation (BGRMO).

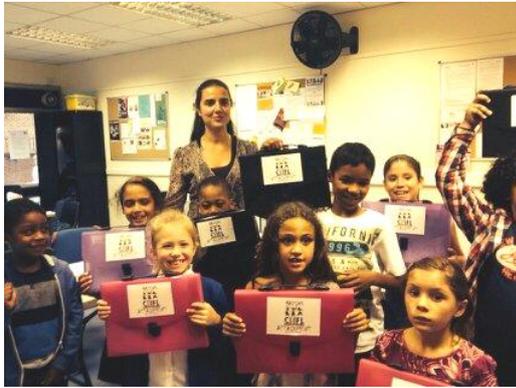


Left Miss Williamson, debate team: Jargal, Liam, Hiba, Zahia with Mr Maguire.

First Day at the 2014/15 S3P Year

Monday, 15th September marked the first day of the S3P year at Blenheim Gardens and the programme has started with flying colours! Whilst all the 40 places have been filled, the demand for the programme is stronger than ever. On a daily basis we are inundated with calls from parents wanting to register their children on the programme. This tells us that parents want the service because they know S3P is helping raise attainment levels for their children. This is evident by the endorsement made by Miss Mabel K, resident of Blenheim Gardens. She was so excited to let us know on the first day *"I couldn't wait to tell you, my daughter, P achieved 2 levels above her predicted grade. Thank you; she couldn't have done it without the help she received from the study support"* Miss Williamson, Chair of CEFL who also plays an active part in running the Blenheim programme acknowledged the parent and said, *"such testimony is one of many we receive from parents and the children themselves. P is now beginning her journey from year 7, our work at the S3P to help P gain the confidence and learning tools she needs to continuously improve her chances evidently are working."*

Here is an image of how we equip our learners on their first day, of joining S3P. Each learner receives a case containing all the necessary pieces i.e. note pad, pen, pencil, rubber etc. We start as we mean to go on!



Learners showcasing their case containing note pad etc.

The project continues to prove popular within the community and is making significant impact on the way young people view after-school extra curricular learning. With learning being paramount, our qualified Tutors carries out an assessment of each individual learner, establishing their needs immediately.

Jarg and Providence, pictured below, both residents of Blenheim Garden and 'returned' learners at KS3, agreed this is crucial because it helps the tutor focus on what learners need to help them improve attainment levels.

Providence went on to say, *"the support they received from the S3P helped them a great deal during their SATs test last year"*. Jarg in a casual response, said, *"I am back this year with only one thing on my mind; we are here to learn; take the headache off our mum and dad"*



Jarg and Providence" *... we are here to learn; take the headache off our mum and dad"*

Lamar, pictured below, also a resident and a 'returnee' to S3P added *"I am pleased to be back Miss" he said as he collected his case of goodies from Miss Williamson. "I learned a lot when I was here the last time; my teacher said I did well in my test"*



Lamar with Miss Williamson

The S3P is now running at Angell Town and Waltham Estates. For more information and application forms, visit our website www.cefi.org.uk Where you can find information about out activities in Blenheim:

Contact Miss Williamson on: 0207 737 4274 or 07984337812

or

Pop into the Blenheim Gardens Estate Housing Office, 24 Prague Place, Blenheim Gardens SW2 5ED

or

Blenheim Garden's RMO website www.bgrmo.org.uk for information relating to our Blenheim Gardens S3P.



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Study Support School Programme Football Training Session (S3P FTS)

Our football programme at the S3P is another successful story to report. A pilot we started, after we coordinated a team for the Windmill Gardens Park Festival 5-a-side football tournament in June this year has now become a serious Saturday afternoon activity loved by young residents of Blenheim Gardens. Every Saturday afternoon, between 1.30-4.00pm, youths aged 7 to 19 come together for a game of serious footy at Windmill Park SW2. Many thanks to Blenheim Gardens RMO, for providing all the necessary kits we needed to start the programme.

The programme is lead by a qualified coach, assistant coach and supported by two local volunteers, Aaron aka, Beckham pictured on the right and his best mate Benjamin also, pictured.



Benjamin and Aaron

Aaron and Benjamin have proved to be great ambassadors for the programme. They have taken on the responsibility of outreaching and bringing young people from the estate onto the programme, preparing the pitch before the coach arrives at 1.30pm and making sure all the kits are put away at the end of each day's session. Explaining his ambition, Aaron said *"I always wanted to run a football team on the estate but it was very difficult because I do not have all the things it take to make*

it work. Working with you guys make it easy for me. I can see a team coming along"

Christian Johnson Executive Director, CEFL added, *"Our work at CEFL is about working with the community and helping them realize their dream. This rationale gives us the impetus to continue to build and help individuals such as Aaron to achieve their objectives for Blenheim Gardens"*

Aaron's hard work is paying off as each week, we see young residents of Blenheim Gardens engaging through their love for the beautiful game.



Young Residents of Blenheim Engaging through their love for Footy.

Saturday afternoon at Windmill Park is not the same. This is real community engagement, driven by a young person with a passion and love for football, and using it to make a difference in both his life and in his community. We now have more than 20 residents aged 7 - 19 registered on the S3P FT. CEFL and Blenheim Garden RMO will continue to support this work.



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For more information on our S3P FTS, contact Christian Johnson on 0207 737 4274 or 07706179851

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