

FROM THE SCHOOL GROUND TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET STADIUM

Welcome to this Teacher's resource which shows how the sport of cricket can support and enhance your delivery of the curriculum in primary and secondary schools in Wales.

Cricket has along with other sport, a duty to ensure that all pupils in Wales can improve and develop their physical literacy skills. This will improve the health of the nation and the individual pupil's quality of life.

We will show you how to do this by:

- a) Delivering a high quality experience through cricket
- b) Using cricket as a way to engage pupils in literacy skills, especially boys.
- c) Using cricket to develop the ICT skills of pupils
- d) With a hugely exciting programme of international cricket here in Wales with Pakistan & Sri Lanka in 2016, the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017 and the 2019 World Cup... we want to support all schools of any setting, ethnicity and purpose they serve.

Hugh Morris CEO Glamorgan County Cricket Club Peter Hybart CEO Cricket Wales



OUR OFFER TO YOU

We can offer a broad range of tailor-made activities for all ages and abilities. Don't worry if you have a limited experience of cricket, or even none whatsoever, because we have a special series of packages to assist you and your staff.



A VISIT TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN INTRODUCTORY TALK ABOUT CRICKET

We would really like to come to your school to outline to your pupils what cricket can offer, as well as demonstrating how it also fits in with many aspects of your curriculum requirements. Ideally, we would like to begin with an assembly talk or a similar talk with a specific year aroup or class.



FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR CRICKET-BASED ACTIVITIES, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND/OR TEACHERS TRAINING

We offer a variety of sessions to help your school unlock the power of cricket to provide, for example, high-quality PE, to improve numeracy, literacy and well-being besides contributing to other areas of the curriculum and developing the core, multi-sports skills required for physically literacy.



PARTICIPATION IN A KWIK CRICKET FESTIVAL.

This is a natural culmination to the visit to Glamorgan Cricket and your school-based sessions. We run mixed and girls competitions across all of Wales and would like your school to take part.



VISIT TO GLAMORGAN CRICKET ON A NON-MATCH DAY

We host visits (@£3 per pupil) by individual classes, a year-group or a multi-school transition day, as well as providing activities to improve literacy or numeracy in a fun environment, plus a behind-the-scenes tour of a professional sports club. A trip to Glamorgan Cricket's headquarters in Cardiff is proving to be a very popular destination for an increasing number of schools and colleges from Wales as well as from abroad - see http://glamorgancricket.com/community/stadium-tours.php.



VISIT TO A FOUR-DAY MATCH AT GLAMORGAN CRICKET

These opportunities are called "Watch and Play" and "Watch and Write" when your pupils (@£3 per head) can visit Glamorgan Cricket to combine watching part of a four-day game with a skills-drills session with our coaches, or to have a literacy-based session (see page 3). Each package also includes an opportunity to play on the outfield and to also form a Guard of Honour.



VISIT TO A TWENTY20 MATCH AT GLAMORGAN CRICKET

Our Pro-Copy Family Stand at the SSE SWALEC has been specially set aside for families and school children. For a nominal charge of £50, a school group of 40, including responsible adults, can attend one of our exciting, all-action Twenty20 Blast matches, staged under the Cardiff floodlights, and to take part in the various activities including player autograph sessions, coaching sessions, the Boulders climbing wall and lots, lost more!



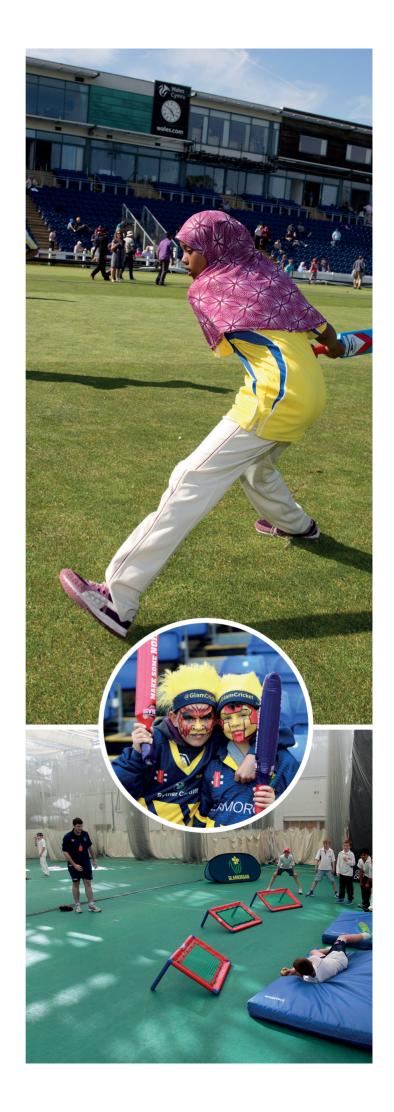
VISITING GLAMORGAN CRICKET FOR A "WATCH AND PLAY" SESSION

"Glamorgan County Cricket Club made our 120 children feel so very welcome. Performing in front of the crowd during the lunch break was something that they will never forget, and a huge thank you to the players who, even as they were entering the field, took the time to high-five all the children as they formed the Guard of Honour. As a direct result of our visit, we more than doubled the number of children who participated in our school cricket, highlighting the positive impact of the visit.

During the skills-drills session, our children were amazed as they watched the bowling machine. Witnessing a 90mph ball being delivered is something that cannot be replicated in school. During the play session, our children were able to practice their batting and catching skills using a soft ball, whilst it provided our staff with a range of batting, bowling and catching techniques which they could incorporate in their own lessons, besides helping them feel more confident when delivering cricket sessions.

A massive thank you to everyone connected with Glamorgan Cricket and Cricket Wales for providing very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and dedicated staff. It was a great day enjoyed by all staff and children. See you again in 2016!"

Mr. Andrew Strickland (Year 5 Teacher - Eveswell Primary School, Newport)







THE EXPERIENCES OF BUILTH WELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WORKING WITH GLAMORGAN CRICKET

We jumped at the chance to take part in the Ashes Partner Schools project during 2015. Being a school in a very rural area, we are fortunate to have a local cricket club and one that is looking to link with our school and local community.

We adopted a creative, cross-curricular approach, with our pupils using statistical information to understand the success of players in batting and bowling, as well as identifying what it takes to be successful at the highest level of cricket.

They also learnt about the laws of cricket—something which interested everybody, especially the girls, who had no previous experience. We learnt about the cultural life of Australia besides looking at Aboriginal art and the origin of the Ashes, which the children found fascinating and intriguing.

Glamorgan Cricket also invited us to take part in the Opening Ceremony on the first day of the Investec Ashes Test Match in Cardiff.

The children thought that this was the perfect climax to an exciting and wonderful opportunity. If the chance came up again, we would not hesitate to take part in such an amazing, fantastic, well-organised project.

Mr. David Lewis (Year 6 teacher, Builth Wells Primary School)



WINNERS OF THE ASHES PARTNER SCHOOLS PROJECT

THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We were thrilled to win the Project and to be invited to the second day of the Test Match. It was very exciting for the children and the staff to travel into Cardiff by train and to walk through Sophia Gardens before being greeted by the crowds and the stewards at the Stadium.

There was a real feeling of anticipation amongst the children who were looking forward to seeing themselves on the big screen during the tea break, as our winning entry —an Ashes history film - was shown to the capacity crowd.

Our pupils were also looking forward to being Guards of Honour and to playing on the pitch. The day was a huge hit, with our pupils filmed by the Sky TV cameras with their smiling faces beamed to homes all around the world.

The accompanying parents were also excited to see their children standing on the pitch, representing both the national cricket team and their school.

The Project was a perfect vehicle to engage children who would not normally show an interest in sport, besides including writing and drama – in all, an experience they will never forget.

Liz Berry (Deputy Headteacher, Thornhill PS)

VISIT: www.youtube.comwatch?v=WG9Ue4ny-z4 to see the brilliant winning entry from Thornhill Primary School whose after-school drama club re-enacted how the Ashes came into being!







RUNNERS-UP IN THE ASHES PARTNER SCHOOLS PROJECT

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It was a fantastic experience for a group of Year 7 pupils to be involved with the Project. Being a Welsh-speaking school with a strong Welsh tradition and history, the 20 pupils felt it was important to understand the current state of Welsh cricket.

Therefore, they produced a short film with those who had represented Wales age-group teams, as well as creating a short poem about Wales and the Ashes.

We also looked at some of the heroes of Welsh cricket such as Robert Croft, and everyone was delighted that Robert was able to make a visit to our school and personally congratulate the pupils on their outstanding work.

It's moments like this that proves how all the hard work has not gone un-noticed. Half of the pupils had never played for a club in the past, but through the Project our school's cricket teams were re-ignited.

We attended the opening day of the Ashes Test and appeared in the Opening Ceremony – a fantastic way for the pupils to round off their involvement and to be part of one of the greatest sporting events on the planet.

Mr. Ricky Morgan (Teacher at YGG Ystalyfera)





A LOUD APPEAL...

All in all, our package (as shown on page 2) is a hit for six, but we are constantly reviewing and adding to our offers. For example, we are adding a fitness-based activity for schools visiting on non-match days in 2016, linking in with the current drive for well-being and healthy recreation.

We also have a history-based activity called Glamorgan Remembers as we look back on events from the two World Wars, and reflect on the contributions made by the cricketing community of Wales.

If you have any suggestions about anything else we can offer your school, your pupils, your staff or your Parent-Teachers Association, then please get in touch by sending an email to community@glamorgancricket.co.uk

We would be delighted to hear from you.

A VISIT TO YOUR SCHOOL

- a. To complement a cricket-themed assembly or your visit to our stadium, we can offer a series of sessions run by our community coaches which will help your school use the power of cricket to provide high quality PE lessons. Enclosed with this pack are a series of flyers, using the superb resources developed by Chance the Shine initiative, which we hope will give your teaching staff ideas to enhance PE lessons as well as developing the core, multi-sports skills required for children to be physically literate.
- b. We also offer sessions aimed at teachers, either for those new to the profession, or new to cricket, with the aim of boosting their understanding and confidence when delivering cricket-based sessions. In addition, we have activities which can improve numeracy and literacy, in addition to other areas of the curriculum, such as global citizenship, where opportunities present themselves to use the global and inclusive nature of cricket to deliver important messages.
- c. Another outcome from developing links with us is the opportunity for you to take part in Kwik cricket festivals in your local area. We run mixed and girls competitions across all of Wales and would be delighted if your school could participate.





EXTRAS...

- Besides staging domestic cricket, Glamorgan Cricket proudly hosts international cricket and over the course of the next few years there are a series of One-Day Internationals at The SSE SWALEC. When international matches are staged in Cardiff, there are often opportunities for schools to attend the practice days before these games, as well as taking part in the match-day activities.
- There will also be a range of ticket packages on offer for accompanied school parties at these international games so send an email to community@ glamorgancricket.co.uk if you would like to be kept up-to-date with information about these matches as well as the special competitions which will be organised by Glamorgan Cricket in association with these high-profile, international contests.

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CONNECTING WITH YOUR LOCAL CRICKET CLUB

We know that it is vital that all girls and boys who have been inspired to play cricket, are able to carry on playing not just in after school clubs, but also in your local community club. We know that is it very important that every pupil who wants to play more can migrate across to a local club to begin a life time of cricket playing, following and watching. Please contact Kerry. Lloyd@cricketwales.org.uk to find out the contact details of your local cricket.

Chance to Shineis a national charity on a mission to spread the power of cricket throughout schools and communities. Since 2005 the Chance to Shine Schools programme has helped reverse the decline in cricket in state schools. Working in close partnership with all 39 County Cricket Boards and hundreds of local cricket clubs, the charity has got just under three million boys and girls in over 11,000 schools playing and learning through cricket. Chance to Shine and Sport Wales are joint funding the Cricket Wales schools outreach programme.







CRICKET CAN IGNITE NEW PASSIONS, TEACH VITAL SKILLS, PROMOTE INCLUSION, AND INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE.

IF YOUR SCHOOL WANTS TO USE THE POWER OF CRICKET THEN GLAMORGAN CRICKET & CRICKET WALES CAN TAILOR A PACKAGE FOR YOU.

To express your interest and to receive further information, **contact community@glamorgancricket.co.uk**

If you want to contact your local cricket club or Cricket Development Officer, **contact Kerry.lloyd@cricketwales.org.uk**

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For other queries, telephone Glamorgan Cricket on 02920 409380 or send an email to www.cricketwales.org.uk

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CRICKET WALES AND GLAMORGAN COUNTY CRICKET CLUB HAVE PRODUCED A SERIES OF ACTIVITY CARDS TO ASSIST TEACHERS GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE CRICKET GAMES AND PRACTICES WITHIN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM AND DELIVER THEM TO THEIR PUPILS.



