

ESF CLOCK SPORTS

Last year's 'ESF Clock Sports' was held at the Hong Kong Sports Institute, Sha Tin on the morning of May 4th 2001.

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The annual expedition for many schools to the New Territories, although a little damp underfoot, was enjoyed by all. 220 P6 children from the ESF Primary schools along with Kellett were divided into teams, each team consisting of children from 5 different schools.

The aim has always been to give the opportunity for children to get to know each other through friendly competition. Teams like the 'Supersonics', 'The Amazing Thunderbolts' and 'The Hairy Monkeys' accumulated points as they completed 10 different events. The children were chosen if they had not already represented a school team and were keen to take part.

Judging by the effort and enthusiasm of all competitors it was a day to remember.

Clock Sports this year will be the 3rd May 2002.

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The ESF Development Plan (s)

The ESF Development Plan can be accessed online from the front page of 'Shambles' <<http://www.shambles.net>> by clicking on 'Development Plans'.

A very user-friendly method of viewing the progress that is taking place with the Dev.Plan items is to read the regular newsletters that are sent out to Foundation members by the Chairman and Chief Executive. These can also be read online via a link next to the one above.



ESF AFFILIATION TO THE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES TRUST

ESF affiliated to the Technology Colleges Trust (TCT) in April 2001.

The best way to find out about the Trust is to visit their site on <http://www.tctrust.org.uk>. If you do that I think you'll see for yourself why such a 'coalition of intelligent interest' has taken place!

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The TC Trust is very closely aligned to the specialist school movement that has gathered such momentum in the UK. It has been supported by both the Conservatives when they were in power and now Labour. Around the world, notably in America, Canada and Australia, specialist schools are at the cutting edge of educational change.

Such initiatives as City Technology Colleges and more recently Technology, Languages, Arts and Sports colleges have prospered through increased funding and a willingness to experiment and lead. Eight hundred such specialist schools now exist and the Prime Minister has encouraged all schools to attain the status.

Although this is a secondary school led initiative, specialist schools have to be a part of a family of schools - including partner primary schools and even other secondary schools. The families are interested in sharing excellence, raising standards of student attainment and defining what schools of the future will be about. Not only are they locally connected but, through the TC trust, internationally connected as well. Needless to say ICT and video conferencing are to the fore.

Our affiliation associates the ESF with best international practice, makes possible enhanced professional development for individuals, schools and the Foundation as a whole in addition to benefits like reduced software prices.

Our next step is for each of the ESF secondary schools to 'connect' with a specialist school and its own family of schools in the UK. Increasing numbers of our colleagues have taught in specialist schools and will be very well aware of the potential of our affiliation. Visit the web site and see for yourself.

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