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a half termly bulletin for primary teachers, focusing on topical global issues

Give Global Citizenship a Sporting Chance!

Sport is a global activity – it appeals to people of all ethnic origins, ages, abilities and cultures... This summer's main sporting events provide us with Global Citizenship opportunities not to be missed.

Euro 2004

Over 7 billion people will watch the 31 matches played between 12th June and 4th July. To bring this into the classroom why not focus on:

- **The UEFA and ICRC (the International Committee of the Red Cross) joint campaign to Protect Children in War.** Their aim is to raise public awareness of the needs of children suffering the terrible effects of hostilities and war. It centres on four key areas – reuniting children with their families, assisting them in their physical and psychological recovery, meeting children's basic needs, and campaigning against the use of child soldiers. www.uefa.com/uefa/news/Kind=524288/newsId=129836.html
- **Show Racism the Red Card** The anti-racist charity that uses professional footballers as anti-racist role models. Their campaign involves hundreds of top footballers and managers, harnessing their high profile to combat racism. www.theredcard.org
- **Kick Racism out of Football** – Week of action takes place from 14 – 26 October 2004. www.kickitout.org

The Olympic Games

Much is being made of the work going on in Athens to prepare for the Olympic events. But what about the work going on in other countries, to meet the huge orders for sportswear associated with the Games? The sportswear industry is geared up to make maximum profits by giving us what we want, when we want it – giant sportswear brands are violating the rights of thousands of workers in Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Central America in order to get the latest sportswear into the shops in time for the Athens Olympics. This unfair trade behind the Games is far from the Olympic ideal of fair play. The Play Fair at the Olympics Campaign – launched by Oxfam, TUC, and Labour Behind the Label, calls on sports brands and the Olympic movement to improve labour standards in the sportswear industry.

“If hypocrisy and exploitation were an Olympic sport, the sportswear industry would win a medal” says Junya Yimprasert from the Thai Labour Campaign, a partner of Labour behind the Label. “The industry is sacrificing human rights in the search for profits. Should the race to kit out athletes mean a race to the bottom for these workers?”

Find out more from: www.fairolympics.org

November 15 – 19

DFES International Education Week

Focusing on ‘Building International Education Links through Sport’



“All that I know most surely about morality and obligations, I owe to football.”

Albert Camus

“Football is not just a simple game, it's a weapon of The Revolution!”

Che Guevara

from: www.philosophyfootball.co.uk



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Events

June

- 12-20: Bike Week** A nationwide celebration promoting cycling to reduce traffic and its adverse effects www.bikeweek.org.uk/
- 17: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** Marks the anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention in 1994. www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/menu.php
- 14-20: Refugee Week** Celebrates the contribution of refugees to the UK and promotes understanding about the reasons why people seek sanctuary. Theme for 2004-6 is Global causes, with subtheme in 2004 of global conflict. www.refugeeweek.org.uk
- 19: Reading Water Festival** Celebrates the role of water with stalls, dance and children's activities. Tel 0118 939 037320
- World Refugee Day** Sponsored by UN High Commissioner for Refugees. (Not a very good site) www.un.org/depts/dhl/refugee/ and click on 'World Refugee Day'.
- 26: International Day for Victims of Torture** Marks the date in 1987 when the UN Convention Against Torture came into force and in 1948 the United Nations Charter was signed (not a very good site) www.amnesty.org.uk/deliver/document/14059.htm/

July

- 1: International Day of Co-operatives** (1st Saturday in July) Recognises the indispensable role cooperatives play in economic and social development www.ifad.org/media/events/2001/coop.htm
- 5-11: Reading Borough Council Asian Arts Week** Email katewood@reading.gov.uk
- 6-11: Seeds of Hope Flower Show at Hampton Court** A garden showing how farmers, like those in Senegal, need fairer trading rules www.christian-aid.org.uk/hamptoncourt/
- 11: World Population Day** Marks July 11, 1987, when the world's population hit five billion. This day focuses attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, particularly in the context of overall development plans and programmes www.unwire.org/UNWire/20030711/449_6508.asp
- 23-25: WOMAD in Reading** Brings together many forms of music, arts and dance from countries and cultures around the world www.efestivals.co.uk/festivals/womad/2004/

August

- 23: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition** Marks the beginning of the uprising in Santo Domingo in 1791 that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade – celebrate 200 years since the abolition of slavery this year www.unesco.org/culture/dialogue/slave/html_eng/day.shtml

September

- 8: International Literacy Day** This day and at events throughout the week, focuses attention on worldwide literacy issues and needs portal.unesco.org/education/ev.php?URL_ID=5000&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201
- 15-22: European Mobility Week** Works towards more sustainable mobility – theme for 2004 is safer streets for children www.22september.org/
- 18-26: Welcome to Walking Week** Walks are organised which are accessible by public transport in support of European Car Free Day on 22 September www.ramblers.org.uk/info/info.html
- 16: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** Reflecting the urgent need to preserve the ozone layer, which filters sunlight and prevents the adverse effects of ultraviolet radiation reaching the Earth's surface, thereby preserving life on the planet www.uneptie.org/ozonaction/faq/faq.html
- 21: International Day of Peace - Peace One Day and Global Ceasefire Day** A vision extending far beyond the cessation of violent conflict and representing an opportunity for the people of the world to create a moment of global unity – backed by the United Nations www.peaceoneday.org
- 26: European Day of Languages** Celebrating languages means celebrating diversity; speaking to other people in their language means opening yourself to them and breaking down linguistic and cultural barriers www.ecml.at/edl/Default.asp?l=E

Resources on sports & games

- Around the World series includes Games & Sports**
Pub Heinemann 0431151318 (Games) 0431151334 (Sports)
£8.99 each
- Games People Play series includes China & India**
Pub Cherrytree 0516203088 (China) 0516044370 (India)
£10.99 each
- Joining the Team: Commonwealth sport & traditional games**
Pub Commonwealth Institute 0946140650 £3
- Muhammad Ali: the Greatest – Famous Lives series**
Pub Hodder Wayland 0750232803 £5.99

Some Street Games of India

National Book Trust 8123710992 £1.25

World Team

Pub Red Fox 0099427583 £5.99

In addition to the above titles RISC also stocks a selection of books of Co-operative Games including Parachute Games. From September we are also able to offer parachutes through the RISC Loans Service. For further details email barbara@risc.org.uk

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