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**The Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sports & Leisure
the Hon Edwin J Reyes and Sponsors NatWest to
visit the Summer Sports & Leisure programme this
Friday 12th August.**

The Summer Sports & Leisure programme has seen an absolute hive of activity this week with over 40 youngsters turning up for the Pee Wee's basketball and 24 teenagers have enrolled on the Sports Leaders UK, Junior Sports Leadership Award. Sports Train and Children's Corner continue to be a success, with Wednesday's under the Sea theme seeing over 40 seven and eight year olds dressed as mermaids, pirates and sea creatures. Bayside Sports Centre has been alive all week and is now getting ready to host the Youth Arise Programme which takes place this weekend.

On Friday 12th August the Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sport & Leisure, the Hon Edwin J Reyes, accompanied by Ms Sarah Baglietto, Senior Bank Manager at NatWest, will be visiting the programme based at Bayside Sports Centre where they will be visiting the Rhythmic Gymnastics' Summer School headed up by national coach Sally Holmes. They will also be meeting youngsters who are participating in the Dance and Musical Theatre workshops being delivered by Erica McGrail as well as meeting the children and young people enrolled on the Stay and Play programme whilst they are putting together their under the sea arts project with Giorann Henshaw. The visitors will also be meeting youngsters participating on the Sports Train activities that this Friday will include a Mini Olympics competition for the 12 years and over age group, Korfball for the 9 to 11 age group, mini volleyball for the 7 to 8 year olds and fun games for those taking part in the Children's Corner. At 11.50am the Minister and the representative from NatWest will be awarding prizes to the children who have been successful in winning the honour of being: Sports Person of the Week, Team Player of the Week and most Improved Player of the week.

Activities and opportunities also on offer next week include:

- **Sports Train:** for children over the age of 7 years every weekday morning at the Bayside Sports Centre from 10am to 12noon.
- **Children's Corner:** Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's 10am to 11.45am for 5 and 6 year olds.

- **Rhythmic Gymnastics:** Monday and Wednesday culminating in a gymnastics display for parents on Friday 19th August. Tumble Tots will continue on Tuesdays & Thursday with the children running and jumping, twirling and swirling in the Victoria Stadium Sports Hall.
- **Climbing:** every Tuesday & Thursday at Bayside Centre Climbing Wall.
- **Creative Corner:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Bayside Boathouse.
- **The Green Arts Project:** carries on throughout the summer at Bayside Boathouse.
- **The Dance Theatre:** workshops on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Erica McGrail in the Studio at Bayside Sports Centre.
- **Danza Academy Summer School:** at their Prince Edward Road premises taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.
- **Outdoor painting:** for different age groups with Giorran Henshaw at a variety of venues Monday to Thursday.
- **Petanque:** takes place every Wednesday morning at their Smith Dorrien Avenue premises between 10am and 12noon.
- **Tennis coaching:** with qualified GTA coach James Taylor is taking place throughout the summer at Queensway tennis courts from 9.30am to 11.30am.
- **Ten Pin Bowling:** Coaching available throughout the summer with qualified coaches at the King's Bowl Leisure Centre. Also available at this venue War Hammer on Saturday as from 3pm onwards and Table Football on Tuesday from 6pm to 10pm.
- **Yoga for children:** at Bayside Boathouse. Contact Anne Morello on anne_morello@hotmail.com for further information and to book your child's place.
- **Arts and Crafts:** activities at the Arts & Crafts Centre based in Casemates, includes Textile Art, Painting & Crafts and Sewing & Knitting.

Another great week of activities for all ages. For further information please pick up a brochure from the Bayside Sports Centre or the Kings Leisure Centre or contact the summer sports hotline on e-mail gibsportsdev@gibtelecom.net or telephone 20076522