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What a fantastic first week of the Summer Sports & Leisure Programme sponsored by NatWest!

- Over 80 young players enrolled on the GFA Football coaching Clinic.
- Over 30 youngsters playing cricket and asking for more throughout the summer.
- Over 150 children registered on Sports Train and Children's Corner.
- Swim Clinics fully booked.
- Some fabulous volunteer leaders working alongside totally committed Sports & Stay and Play Leaders who have been delivering great sessions all week.
- Children of all ages happily playing different sports and games every day.
- 14 and 15 year olds coming to the Bayside Sports Centre and asking if they can help Leaders.
- Workshops on looking after our bodies and what is best to eat saw youngsters battling it out to gain as many 'Go foods' rather than 'Slow foods', in games specially designed by the GHA's Community Physiotherapist Rebecca Fortunato.
- RGP Police Officers leading Sports Train sessions with the children and young people and then interacting with the youngsters to let them know all about the Royal Gibraltar Police and what the Neighbourhood Policing officers actually do.

The Stay and Play programme for children with special needs has kicked off with their Diamond Jubilee theme introducing youngsters to different Commonwealth Nations. This week has looked at the culture of South Africa. The children taking part have made African masks, they have painted and made clay animals that live in the wilds in South Africa, they have tasted tropical fruits, they have been involved in storytelling and are practising their African dance which will be part of their final Diamond Jubilee party week which will see Sport Train youngster invited to join in sporting events and competitions, a mini music and dance concert, a disco and a water party.

It has been an amazing first week to the programme with much more to come over the next five weeks. All young people between the ages of 7 and 14 years are invited to join in the Sports Train which runs Monday to Friday 10am and 12.30pm. For those aged 5 & 6 years Children's Corner is available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10am to 12noon. **Please note that activities organised by local associations may have different start and finish times, please check this when you book your child onto the programme.**

Sarah Baglietto, Bank Manager will be representing NatWest, the main sponsor of the summer programme at this week's prize giving ceremony which takes place every Friday morning, 12noon at the Bayside Sports Centre and will see youngsters from all age groups receiving Sports Person, Team Player and Fair Play prizes.

Next week's programme will include:

- The extension of **Cricket Coaching** in the nets at Bayside Sports Centre by popular demand.
- **Golf Coaching** with Gibraltar's only Golf professional Trevor Garcia at the Bayside Sports Centre Pitch & Putt area.
- **Climbing Inductions** for juniors at the Bayside Sports Centre Climbing Wall.
- **Cheerleading** with the recently established association in the Bayside Sports Centre Studio.
- **Creative Corner**, fabulous arts and crafts sessions where youngsters get to design their own pizzas, cakes, biscuits and much more.
- **Stagecoach Summer School** at the Bayside School.
- **Ice Skating** with GISA's Rock Ice Skating Academy.
- **Table Soccer**
- **Cycle Proficiency** with RGP Neighbourhood Policing Unit at St Anne's School for children aged 10 years and over.
- **Swimming camps** for swimmers and non swimmer at GSLA small pools.
- **Sailing** at the Gibraltar yacht Club
- Outdoor painting at Garrison Library and Botanic Gardens
- Arts and Crafts at the Arts & Crafts Centre Casemates
- **The Young First Aider Award** being held at St John Ambulance, Coaling Island.
- **Sign & Song** for babies and toddlers at Chilton Court.

We will also see the introduction of the planting project into the Sport Train interactive workshops which are held towards the end of each session.

Information and contacts for all activities are included in the Summer Sports & Leisure Programme which is available at the Bayside Sports Centre, Kings Bastion Leisure Centre and the GSLA Pools or by e-mailing gibsportsdev@gibtelecom.net or telephone the **Summer Sports hotline on 20076522.**

Please note that a mistake has been made in the e-mail address for all those who would like to book their child onto the Hockey Summer School which will take place 14th to 17th August at the Bayside Sports Centre. The correct e-mail is: Chrissie@telefonica.net