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A RICH MIX OF STORY TELLING, VOLLEYBALL,  
LEARNING ITALIAN – AND A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL!

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## STORY TELLING WITH THE NLT

Arsenal in the Community now delivers a story telling programme at Islington libraries. A professional story teller trains Community coaches who deliver the programme to local schools in a library setting. The coaches read youngsters football related stories and riddles and encourage them to join a library. Last month we held sessions in Mildmay,

South, Lewis Carroll, Central, West, North, Archway and Finsbury libraries – one of the sessions was even delivered in the Emirates stands! Thanks to all the staff in the libraries and storyteller Dr Pat Ryan. The funding for the programme was provided by the National Literacy Trust, the Arts Council and the Premier League-PFA Community Fund. For more information, email Samir Singh: [ssingh@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:ssingh@arsenal.co.uk)

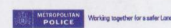
Storyteller Dr Pat Ryan and two Arsenal Gap Year interns reading stories to Islington School children from Drayton Park School



## VOLLEY GOOD!

Last month 11 pupils from Arsenal's Premier League 4 Sport programme at Holloway School took on the Chelsea and West Ham community teams at volleyball. The event, run by Volleyball England, marked 500

days before the start of London 2012. Well done to our older team who won every game! We also run free sports programmes in local schools in judo, badminton and table tennis. For more info, email Ross: [rmickinley@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:rmickinley@arsenal.co.uk)



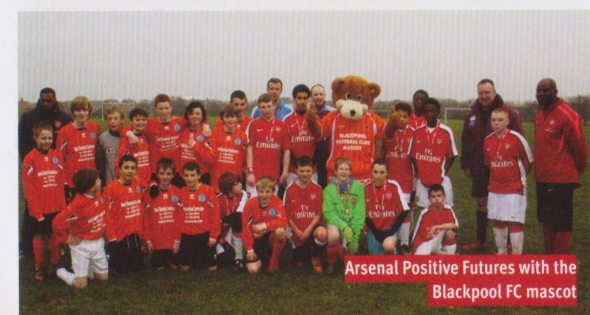
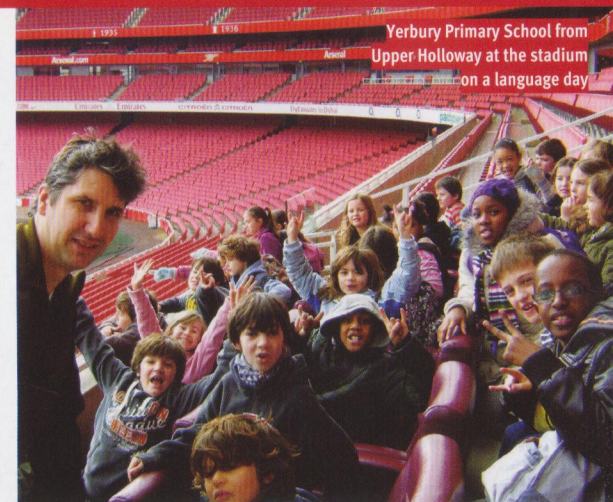
## ITALIAN DOUBLE CLUB

Arsenal Double Club, the Club's education programme, has a modern foreign languages programme which encourages pupils to learn French, Spanish, German and Portuguese. We have recently developed an Italian module in partnership with the Italian Consulate General, Istituto Italiano di Cultura and Royal Holloway University.

The materials are being piloted this term in two local Islington primaries, Yerbury and Ashmount with a specialist Italian teacher from the Italian Consulate. Pupils are also being taught by a fluent Italian speaking coach. The resources include a pupil fun book, teacher guide with lesson plans, coaching notes, interactive whiteboard presentations and a DVD featuring Arsenal legend Liam Brady who played in Italy for several years and is fluent in Italian. For more information, email Julie Stoker: [jstoker@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:jstoker@arsenal.co.uk) or Paola Dri: [edu.londra@esteri.it](mailto:edu.londra@esteri.it)



Yerbury Primary School from Upper Holloway at the stadium on a language day



Arsenal Positive Futures with the Blackpool FC mascot

## BLACKPOOL BASH!

Participants from our Positive Futures Scheme travelled to Blackpool last month on one of the regular residential trips. The scheme runs across 11 different estates in the Borough in partnership with Homes for Islington. It gives local

young people the opportunity to take part in free football coaching together with residential trips, other sporting activities and Arsenal Double Club homework clubs. The ten Islington youngsters that visited Blackpool were chosen as a reward for regular attendance at evening

coaching sessions. The visit took place last half term and the young people played in a match against Layton Juniors, went on an 18 mile bicycle ride, visited the beach and met the Mayor for a Town Hall tour! For info, email Tony: [adavid@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:adavid@arsenal.co.uk) or call 020 7704 4155