



SPORTS LEADER AWARD OCTOBER 2014

We are at the end of the second term of our club running the Sports Leaders Award at Level 4. This is a nationally recognised qualification for young people aged 13+ which teaches them leadership skills in a sporting environment. This is carried out by progressing through 6 topics throughout the course which teaches them the basics of being a leader of a sporting group or session.

Since the summer we have focused on scoring systems and officiating. This topic aims to educate the young people about different scoring systems that can be used in games, such as points based where the highest or lowest number of points achieved wins and time based where the fastest time wins. It also aims to show how events can be officiated or judged either by an individual, a team of individuals with one acting as leader or democratically by a group. To demonstrate this we played a game on the Skatepark where 5 of the young people took it in turns to do tricks on their scooters and the remainder of the group marked each person's performance out of 10. The points were added up to give us a winner.

Our stewards who volunteer on the

Skatepark attend this club. They are gaining confidence in working with groups of young people and keeping control of the group. This is important for their future development as many would like to become sports coaches.

Attendance has been steady. We have a core group of 8 young people plus various staff and volunteers who are involved in the club who attend every week. This is a good size for the group and everyone is interacting well with each other.

Our aim for the next block up until Christmas will be to finish off scoring systems and officiating and move onto the next of the six topics - Gamesmanship.

