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IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE OF STUDY SUPPORT

Deep in the heart of Glanford Park, Study United has gone from strength to strength since our last newsletter back in March of last year. The study centre staff are still pleased to say that the exciting environment continues to thrill visitors, young and old. The centre has just welcomed its thousandth learner through the door, who are made up of 460 Primary School children, 485 Secondary students and 80 adults. We are now highly regarded by many organisations and have widened our notoriety via publicity. An interactive promotional CD-ROM and the study centre's website: <http://www.studyunited.org.uk> has been developed over the last few months to help convey our vision and beliefs to give people an idea about what we are all about. The website is regularly updated with news, the best examples of our learner's work and other items of interest.



Jamie Hammond, Scunthorpe United's new General Manager

A lot has happened elsewhere at Scunthorpe United with the summer break bringing new faces both on and off the field. Jamie Hammond, Scunthorpe United's newly appointed General Manager has become very actively involved with the study centre, truly appreciating the effect it has on the learners who come through the door. He recently exclaimed: "Whilst Scunthorpe United are in League Two, Study United's facilities, vision and achievements are in a premier league of its



Children from St. Augustine Webster Catholic Primary involved in a highly interactive Science & ICT Data Monitoring session.

own." The partnership between the club and the centre is becoming even stronger and the future appears very bright and innovative indeed. Members of the Iron's Football in the Community scheme are still working very closely with us to add a physical element to the Study United experience, sharing their time in a recent Saturday morning Family Learning project. The centre recognises and acknowledges the assistance and generosity of many other companies whose donations of money, equipment, prizes, refreshments and employees time have really made the project come to life.

Study United FC aims to continue its fresh approach to learning and welcome all members of the community through its door. The centre aims to be at the heart of the community, welcoming and celebrating the success of all. The goal is to encourage people to enter a new era of lifelong learning, proving that education really can be something people enjoy!



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MEET THE TEAM



NEWS

CHALLENGE DAYS

More able Year 5 pupils from Crosby Primary School embarked on a work related project alongside Hull-based company Innovative Graphics. The brief was to design and make a CD holder. The children were required to work as a team, exploring ideas and combining graphical elements before presenting their ideas to the customer. The project was well supported by South Humber Business Advice Centre (SoHBAC) and feedback related to the 'real life' nature of the project was excellent.



A second event was held for Scunthorpe Church of England School to enhance and celebrate Mathematics. The extremely addictive specialised software "Maths Circus" was used to good effect at the centre and great fun was had by all involved. Well done everyone who attended!

TOP: Brian Taylor discusses packaging examples with pupils from Crosby Primary School.

BOTTOM: Scunthorpe C. o. E. pupil successfully completes his Maths Challenge.

HAVE YOUR GCSE STUDY DAY AT THE CENTRE

Work to support GCSE Applied Business Studies and Applied ICT have taken place recently with students from Years 10 and 11 from local schools. They visited the football club to focus on specific units of work related to the running of Scunthorpe United as a business and the role of ICT in society.

"Thank you for arranging the visit for our Business Studies group. We found the day very enjoyable and learnt a great deal about the running of a football club." **(Local secondary school teacher)**

Three more study days are planned over the next few months, the highlight being a Geography Day run in conjunction with Scunthorpe based sixth-form college John Leggott College. Guest speakers are planned including local MP Elliot Morley and a curiously entitled talk from an Oxford University lecturer called "How to Kill your Geography Teacher and get away with it." We've been informed this is actually a speech on forensic geography!

For more information on organising a Study Day (or half day!) please contact Jane on the relevant contact at the bottom of this newsletter.

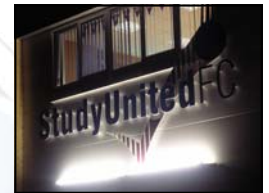
AND FINALLY...

Study United has a proud team of volunteers, this years' intake has been the best yet with volunteers of all ages helping out in the sessions. One special mention has to go to our longest serving volunteer who has recently won Volunteer of the Year award for his work with groups all over North Lincolnshire. Alan Perkin, attended the Kids Lincs Rugby Cement Childcare Awards Ceremony held at the Wortley House Hotel in Scunthorpe on 25th August and unexpectedly for him, came away with the award. Congratulations Alan from everyone at Study United FC!

Unveiled



Delegates from North Lincolnshire Council, Scunthorpe United and Study United unveil the council's record breaking sponsorship of the Study United Stand



BY DAY AND BY NIGHT: The centre commissioned external signage to acknowledge its main funding partners. The results were fantastic, especially at night time.



HSBC BANK WITH ST. HUGHS' SCHOOL

As part of HSBC Bank's sponsorship with Study United they sent a different representative each week to help out with the sessions. June 2004 saw Nick Saville attending one of St. Hughs' Special School's Playing for Success sessions. On a hot summers day, the group marched outside onto the training pitch and were challenged with Study United's giant garden games including draughts, chess, connect-four, and snakes & ladders. Nick commented: "Hopefully our input can help the pupils with their careers. A good day had by all involved!"



HSBC's Nick Saville oversees a game of giant Jenga on a very hot day.



Jane Laws and Alan Perkin with his Volunteer of the Year award.

VOLUNTEERING

If it wasn't for our superb group of volunteers, the study centre would simply not run as smoothly as it does.

For more information on volunteering please contact Sandra using the details at the bottom of this newsletter.