

REDBRIDGE SCHOOLS GO MAD FOR BADMINTON!

Secondary Schools from Redbridge have been enjoying the opportunity to play competitive badminton this term as part of Badminton England's Centre Parcs National School Championships. Pupils from Year 7-11 have been able to attend one of four competitions organised by Competition Manager Claire Smith. Chadwell Heath Foundation School and Woodford County High School kindly provided their excellent facilities and Sports Leaders to host the first round of this national competition.



Teams from **Valentines**, **Woodford County**, Woodbridge, Chadwell Heath, Canon Palmer, Wanstead, **Ilford County**, Loxford, **Caterham** and **Trinity High** Schools have enjoyed some closely fought matches. For many pupils this was their first experience of competitive badminton. Laurane Turnbull School Sports Co-ordinator at Woodford County said "These competitions have been great because badminton offers an opportunity to different pupils who may not necessarily be involved in the other sports on offer".



Congratulations to the winners of each category!



Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls: **Woodford County** and Woodbridge

Year 7, 8 and 9 Boys: **Iford County** and Chadwell Heath



Year 10 and 11 Girls: **Woodford County** and Woodbridge



Year 10 and 11 Boys: **Caterham** and Woodbridge

All will be representing Redbridge at the East London Finals in February.



These competitions were organised in co-ordination with the two School Sports Partnerships (SSP) in Redbridge (**Caterham SSP** and Mayfield SSP) to work towards the Government target that by the end of the academic year 2010-2011, 80% of five to 16 year olds will take part in three hours a week of PE and sport organised by schools.