

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

SPRING 2018

Orienteering News for Schools and Youth Groups in Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Daventry and Banbury

EXPERIENCE THE ACTIVE OUTDOOR NAVIGATION SPORT OF ORIENTEERING

With Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club

OCTAVIAN DROOBERS SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

For Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Schools*

Saturday 10 March
Memorial Park, Coventry
10.30am until 12noon

All pupils are welcome from Year 5 up to Year 13. These championships are aimed at introducing children to this adventure sport and for our junior club members. Beginners are especially welcome as help is available to all participants.

Come along with your classmates and families; complete an entry form, with your name, school year and school name. There will be school team, individual boys and girls prizes and certificates to credit success.

Categories:

Primary - Years 5 and 6

(pupils can run in pairs, NB junior club members in Years 4 and under can compete in this category)

Lower Secondary – Years 7, 8 & 9

Upper Secondary - Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

There will be 3 courses from approximately 1km to 3km: a very easy White, easy Yellow and a medium Orange.

Entry is £1 plus £1 for hire of electronic timer.

Full details on Octavian Droobers Orienteering

Club website www.octavian-droobers.org

* includes schools outside this area where pupils are OD members

WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 ESTONIA

Pupils born in the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, can qualify for the next World Championships. School teams of 5, boys or girls, or individual pupils need to compete regularly at events, take advantage of coaching opportunities, and then do well at British Schools Championships selection races. For more information see www.bsoa.org. **Let's get your pupils and school there.**



News..... Parkgate Primary School in Coventry are introducing orienteering after half term around their recently mapped school grounds and plan to take pupils to Ryton Pools Country Park to advance their skills on the permanent courses. Ben Henley, deputy headteacher, is looking forward to pupils taking part in school competitions.

Next events

Around Warwickshire and the Midlands, for juniors, parents and teachers to learn how to orienteer and prepare for school competitions. Help is always available for beginners and specific coaching too, see website for details.

Sunday 4 February, Brindley Heath, Cannock Chase, (WCH) 10-12.30

Saturday 10 February, Everdon Stubbs, Nr Daventry 10-12

Saturday 17 February, Hartshill Hayes C. Pk 'after dark' 5- 7pm*

Sunday 18 February, Lizard Hill, Telford (WRE) 10-12.30

Saturday 24 February, Compton Verney, Wellesbourne 10-12

Sunday 25 February, Cademan Woods, Leics (LEI) 10-12.30

Sunday 4 March, Aspley Heath, Woburn (SMOC) 10-12.30

Saturday 10 March, Memorial Park, Coventry 10-12

Help is available at all events for beginners and improvers. Check website for final details re dates and venues, or contact 01926 632189. *After Dark session requires head torch. WCH see Walton Chasers, WRE see Wrekin Orienteers, LEI see Leicestershire Orienteers SMOC South Midlands Orienteers websites.

NB Ryton Pools Country Park, Bubbenhall, has permanent orienteering courses, ideal for beginners to try out the sport of orienteering, maps can be purchased from the visitor centre.

Coaching- for beginners and improvers: Saturday 10 February, Everdon Stubbs, nr Daventry, All sessions need to be pre-booked, and run from 10.30 – 12noon. Contact coaching@octavian-droobers.org

Next School Event:

West Midlands Schools Orienteering Championships

Saturday 12 May
Coombe Country Park,
Binley near Coventry

The British Schools Orienteering Association is a valuable resource for schools. The website gives much information about how to introduce the sport, useful teaching programmes, how to map your school, kit to purchase, upcoming championships, etc. Membership is FREE. www.bsoa.org



Other useful contacts: inforschools@octavian-droobers.org
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