

# Pathway for Juniors



## Background

It has been obvious for some time that if you attend Fallibroome or have a member of your family involved in Orienteering then there is a clear pathway for you to progress in the sport. Having been involved in the SSP events where over 400 young people attend I know that primary school children get a lot of enjoyment and display some good skills when Orienteering. Seventy five or so people attended the recent family fun day – so why aren't people flocking to MDOC to continue an interest in Orienteering?

I know we are a friendly bunch, but that it seems is not enough. I suggest with young people having so many opportunities for activities we perhaps have to go and get them young instead of waiting for them to come to us. This is a suggested way forward:-

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Contact all Macclesfield Primary School Head teachers with an offer of training in school time – this has proved successful in the past. School PE co-ordinators to become involved/trained with activities.
- 2) Map individual schools.
- 3) Monthly school competitions perhaps at different primary schools-indoors in the winter.
- 4) Mascot – A Bee introduced and named!
- 5) An award scheme for participation – a sticker or stamp on a Honeycomb card.
- 6) Regular presentation of awards in assemblies – once a month.
- 7) Develop a primary school league and invite to MDOC events.
- 8) Hold a White course competition at Fallibroome.
- 9) Re-vamp of the Junior Section of MDOC website
  - More colourful page aimed at Primary School students
  - Mascot to feature
    - i. Interviews with Juniors.
    - ii. Quizzes / Puzzles.
    - iii. Most improved Junior of the Month.
    - iv. Articles written by Juniors.
    - v. Training tips – aimed at beginners.
  - News of success to be moved off after a month so that any young person / parent visiting this page sees that it is current and does not mention the same two or three individuals and contain only old news.
- 10) Free MDOC membership for the first year and cost of £1 for competitions.
- 11) Young people from Fallibroome to be involved in training and helping at competitions – perhaps even buddy work and to help present awards.
- 12) Spring and Summer Family events, after Park runs, where there is face painting and fun activities as well.
- 13) Much higher profile for Explorer badges for Primary Schools and Colour coded badges for Secondary Schools – 3 events to colour standard.
- 14) Invite all young MDOC members to be considered for Junior Rep on the committee and use them!