

The Formentera Council Office of Youth Services reports that this week 170 girls and boys began activities at the *Escola d'Estiu* (Summer School) 2019. Activities are held Monday to Friday until 31 August at the primary schools in Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran and la Mola.

Designed for children aged 3 to 14, the programmes run 9.00am to 2.00pm and offer an early-start option from 8.00am. Kids will learn about caring for the environment and recycling as part of this year's activities, which were conceived under the catchphrase "*Respira l'illa*" (Breathe the island) and include the collaboration of Plastic Free Formentera, Cleanwave and the Council's own environmental educator. The wide-ranging line-up of activities covers everything from arts and crafts, physical fitness and games to music, dance and everything in between. Field trips—like outings to the beach and pool, to name only two destinations—are also in the works.

Sports camps

The Formentera Council's department of sport is itself organising two summer programmes—the Aquatic and Motor Acitivities camp and "Amusing Athletics" (*Atletisme Divertit*), both of which are scheduled for the Antoni Blanc fitness centre and municipal pool—in an effort to create leisure options for the summer months.

A total of 80 children came out on Monday for the start of the Aquatic and Motor Activities camp, which extends through 13 September. The daily programme goes from Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 2.00pm/2.30pm (with an early-start programme available from 7.45am).

Activities run the gamut from swimming, waterpolo, artistic swimming and first aid to "pre-sport" games, body and movement, fine motor skills, acrosport and dance.

Mothers and fathers of participants in the Aquatic/Motor programme are invited to a family day in the swimming pool at 7.30pm on 27 July. An exhibit in the cinema is additionally being planned from 8.00pm on 31 August.

The Council is organising the Amusing Athletics programme as well, and 63 local kids 3 to 7 years old have already started attending. Children do activities tuned to developing age-appropriate motor skills, plus they play teamwork-building games and spend time in the water to build their aquatic skills and coordination. The camp started on Monday and will conclude 31 August.

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