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to make your mascot



Hello, I'm Wenlock. Pleased to meet you. I'm really proud to be the official mascot for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

I hear you're going to be designing a special version of me that makes me look like I come from your village, town, city or region.

Before you get going, I thought it would be a good idea to tell you a little bit about myself. This might help you when you're thinking up ideas for your design.

I suppose it must be the way I'm made, because I always like to do my best at everything. I love all the Olympic sports, and can't wait to find out more about them! I don't even mind if I lose a game or a race, but I always show respect for my opponent and when I don't win, it makes me even more determined to do better next time! I've got from now until summer 2012 to learn everything I can – there's almost nothing I like more than discovering new things. The only thing better is making friends and seeing other people make friends!

For me, friendship is one of the most important things in life. The bracelets on my wrists are friendship bands, in the colours of the five Olympic Rings. I've made a lot of new friends lately as I've been travelling around visiting lots of different schools, and it makes me feel great. I may not look like you, but I don't think that really matters, do you?

I'm really, really excited about the Olympic and Paralympic Games! But before then I've got a long journey to make, and lots of new people to meet.

I can't wait to find out what you think makes your community special, and to wear your design with pride!

Have fun, see you around!



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Hello I'm Mandeville. Pleased to meet you. I'm really proud to be the official London 2012 Paralympic mascot.

If you're starting to think about a really brilliant design for me that shows everyone what's special about your village, town, city or county, it might help you to know a bit more about me.

If you asked me what I care most about in the world, my answer would be that I want everyone to feel included and equal. It takes all sorts to make a world, and we are all different. I like that. Think how boring it would be if everyone was the same – same colour eyes, hair, skin, and size – and if everyone believed in the same things.

There are some amazing people around the UK who are helping me to push harder than I ever thought I could – even when the going gets tough. And among those amazing people are the Paralympic athletes I'm meeting. Some people call them 'athletes with disabilities'. I'm finding out that's not quite the case – in fact, these are people with an almost superhuman ability.

I'm determined to help people understand what it means to be disabled, and the sort of courage it takes for people with disabilities to play sport and be the best they can be. You could say I'm a mascot on a mission.

While my mission is a serious one, I'm really, really excited about the Olympic Games! I'm spending from now until summer 2012 finding out all about Paralympic sports, about all the different types of people in the UK, what they like doing and what links us all together. So what is it that makes the place where you live special or different?

Have fun and help me spread the word.

