



Newsletter



March 2017

Welcome to the first edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter in 2017. We have had a busy start to the new year with 4 competitions involving over 780 participants. Thank you to all the teachers, support staff and parents for their support at our events, our competitions are getting bigger every year!

We would like to welcome back Elizabeth Newstead who has returned to the SSP following her maternity leave.

All of the spring and summer competitions are now 'live' on the SSP website should you wish to enter the events. Please bear in mind to enter early as some of the popular events book up quickly. Once you have entered you should receive a confirmation email, if you do not receive one, then please contact Claire to double check if your entry has been received.

Good luck to all the school teams who are taking part in the Level 3 Winter School Games finals which are taking place during March. Any results and photos will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support in our competition events and programmes. We hope you all have a great spring term and look forward to our events and activities over the next few months.

School Games Mark Awards

A huge congratulations to the following schools who were awarded their School Games Mark award for 2015-2016.

Gold

Overleigh St Mary's
Bunbury Aldersey
Oldfield
Highfield
Belgrave
Waverton
Delamere
The Firs
Saughall

Silver

Kelsall
The Kings School
Huntington
Acresfield
Chester Blue Coat
Lache
JH Godwin
Blacon High School

Bronze

Cherry Grove
Mickle Trafford
St Clare's
St Werburgh's
Newton

If you have not received your certificate / pennant / plaque yet, please contact Claire or Elizabeth.



Year 5&6 Basketball Competition

On Thursday 26th January we held our year 5&6 Basketball Competition at Upton-by-Chester High School. Sixteen school teams took part in the event involving 126 children. A staggering 56 games were played on the two courts with the winners and runners up on each court progressing to the semi-finals.

Christleton and Upton Heath primary schools took part in the first semi final in a close game, but with Christleton scoring a basket to get through to the final.

Saughall and Waverton played in the second semi-final with Waverton scoring one more basket to beat Saughall into the final.

The grand final which was Christleton verses Waverton turned out to be a marathon of a game. After a draw at the end of the playing time, it then went down to a very tense golden goal. An exhaustingly 34 minutes later Christleton scored the winning basket!. The teams played extremely well considering they had already played 8 matches in the competition.



Two players from Cheshire Phoenix basketball team came along to the event and provided some discounted tickets to Cheshire Phoenix games. These were then handed out to 8 children who were

selected for good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and talent in the competition.



A huge thank you to Upton-by-Chester High School for hosting the event and also to the leaders from the school who were excellent basketball referees. Thank you also to coaches from CEPD who helped at the event.

The players from Christleton Primary School will now play in the Level 3 School Games final in March.

Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd February Ellesmere Port Sports Village hosted the Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics Competition. In total 18 school teams took part in the three events, involving over 350 children.

The winning school from each event were as follows:

Wednesday morning : Mickle Trafford

Wednesday afternoon: Overleigh St Mary's

Thursday morning : Saughall All Saints



All the scores from every event were then inputted into a computer programme to see who the overall winning school was. This year the winning school was Saughall All Saints with the most number of points. They will now take part in the Level 3 Winter School Games event in Ellesmere Port in March.

Thank you to the leaders from West Cheshire College for helping at the event, also to coaches from CEPD and Tim Durrant from West Cheshire Athletics Club.

Pictured top right is Saughall All Saints. Pictured below Mickle Trafford (left) and Overleigh St Mary's (right).



Step into Sport Conference

On Wednesday 25th January children from Dee Banks and Dorin Park School attended the Step into Sport Conference at Orford Park in Warrington.

Here the children participated in a workshop where they learned about the skills and qualities of a leader / role model.

They also took part in a rowing practical where they were taught about communication skills and how to deliver an engaging activity or competition. In the second practical workshop they learned about the STEP principle in leading sports activities.



Paralympic swimmer Liz Johnson was in attendance on the day to assist with the delivery of the workshops and to inspire the children. Liz has won a gold, silver and bronze Paralympic medal for swimming at the Athens, Beijing and London.

Also helping at the event was wheelchair basketball player Ben Field Davies who attends a local school and is a great inspiration and role model.

Thank you to the staff from Dee Banks and Dorin Park Schools for bringing the children to the event.

The children have been tasked with developing the skills they learned in the workshops, and to support sporting activities within their own schools or level 2/3 competitions.



Change 4 Life Champions Day Training

On Monday 30th January, 58 children from our schools attended the Change 4 Life Champions day in Ellesmere Port. This was the second training day that the Bronze Sports Ambassadors attended following the session in December.

They re-capped the roles and responsibilities as sports ambassadors, and learned about being a Change 4 Life Champion.

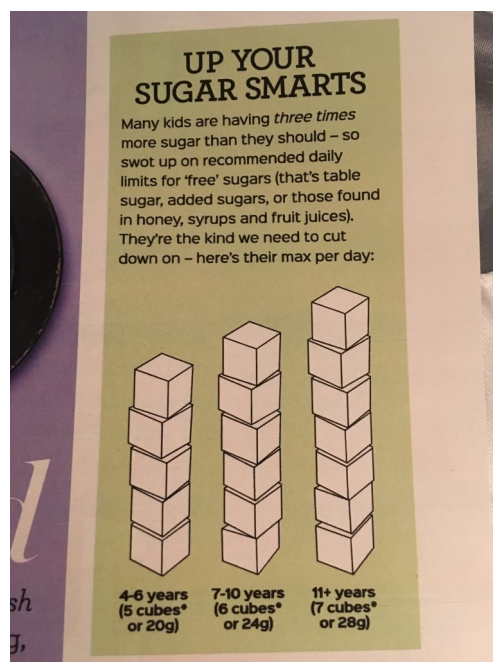
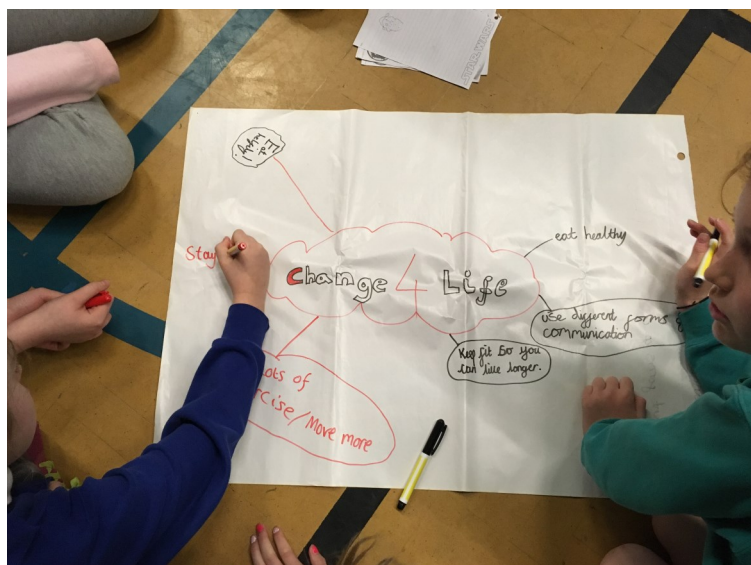
Following the training session the children have been tasked with developing and moving forward the Change 4 Life Club in their school.

Thank you to the children and teachers for attended the event.



The Change 4 Life website has a variety of resources that the children can use in setting up and running their clubs.

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/being-active/overview>



Year 3&4 Small Sided Football Competition

On 9th February 16 school teams took part in the Year 3&4 Small Sided Football Competition at The Kings School.

The children played exceptionally well on what turned out to be a very cold day (with the odd snow flake making an appearance).

We had 4 pools of competition with the winner of each pool progressing to the semi-final. Winners were:

Pitch 1: Kings

Pitch 2: Acresfield

Pitch 3: Highfield

Pitch 4: Mill View



Following some very exciting matches, the final consisted of Kings vs Acresfield.

Kings retained their title as Chester Schools Champions and will represent Chester at the Level 3 Winter School Games in March.

Congratulations to all the teams and we wish Kings the very best in the county final.



Many thanks to The Kings School and the groundsmen for providing an excellent facility for our event. The children had a brilliant time.

Thank you also to coaches from CEPD for refereeing the games.



Year 5&6 High 5 Netball Competition

On Thursday 16th February, Bishops Blue Coat High School hosted the Year 5&6 High 5 Netball Competition. In total we had 23 teams involving 180 children in attendance. Results are as follows:

'A' event semi finalists: Hoole, Upton Heath, Cherry Grove and Kings.

'B' event semi finalists: Belgrave, Blue Coat, Hoole and Lache.

In the 'A' final it was a close match between Kings and Hoole. However Hoole clinched the victory and will represent Chester at the Level 3 School Games final in March.

In the 'B' final, Hoole were victorious again in their match against Chester Blue Coat.

Congratulations to all the players in the matches and good luck to Hoole at the Level 3 School Games.

Thank you to the staff and umpires from Bishops Blue Coat High School for a fantastic competition. Also the coaches from CEPD for their help.



School Games Mark 2016-2017

The School Games Mark is now in its 6th year and continues to reward schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education.

New for this year is a Platinum award. This is open to those schools that have achieved School Games Mark gold for the past four consecutive years and achieve gold this year too.

In order to achieve any level of the School Games Mark, schools must meet a set of prerequisites (for young people in years 3-13). They must have:



- A system in place to track young people's participation in the School Games
- Opportunities that attract the less active young people to participate in physical activity
- Completed the Inclusive Health Check
- A positive approach to delivering physical activity
- Held or accessed a School Games Day as a culmination of a year round competition programme
- Registered a School Games Day date on the school dashboard www.yourschoolgames.com
- A calendar of competition that demonstrates opportunities for young people with SEND to take part in competitions.
- A notice board and / or a in-house school digital system that promotes School Games activity and uses social media for the same purpose.

If your school can achieve the set of pre-requisites above, then you can then look at the Bronze, Silver and Gold criteria. Most schools should be able to achieve at least the Bronze level.

Any school can apply for the award if you embrace the mission and vision of the School Games.

The application window is live between Wednesday 31st May and Friday 28th July 2017. (Please note that this is the first year that applications have to be submitted before the end of the academic year).

Please use the next few months to fully prepare for your application and ensure that your school sport provision meets the level of criteria that you are aiming for. As in previous years your school could be chosen for external verification and you will need to be able to provide evidence for all the pre-requisites and criteria for your award.

If you need any assistance with the School Games Mark, please contact Elizabeth.

Progress and Assessment for Learning within Primary Physical Education.

Date: Thursday 9th March 2017

Time: 3.45pm – 5.00pm

Venue: Blacon High School (sports hall)

Cost: FREE

This is a short fun practical PE course that will discuss:

The need for excellent teaching in PE, particularly related to the fundamental movement skills, which are the foundations required to enable all children to succeed in PE and Sport.

The performance criteria of the fundamental movement skills. (Locomotion, Object control and Stability)

How to observe children moving, what to look for using the performance criteria and help the children to improve their fundamental movement skills.

Review the PE milestones which are linked to the PE National Curriculum and the performance criteria and use these as an assessment aid.

If you would like to book onto the course then please contact Claire Smedley ASAP as there are only a few places remaining.

Motor Activities Training Programme (MATP) and Inclusive Tennis Course

Date: Thursday 30th March 2017

Time: 9.30am—1pm, and 1.30pm—4.30pm

Venue: Warrington

Cost: £50 per candidate

MATP—This programme is designed to prepare athletes with severe or profound intellectual and physical disabilities for sport-specific activities appropriate for their abilities . The tutor for MATP is Angela Lydon who is the PE Coordinator at a special school in Leeds the West Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre (SILC).

The Inclusive Tennis course will give you access to a free equipment bag (if your school has not already attended a course) <https://zsig.com/collections/school-coaching-equipment-sets/products/mini-tennis-early-years-inclusive-set-with-3m-net> and give you lots of ideas on how to best use the equipment.

If you would like to attend either or both of the above please contact Penny Moorfield via email moorfieldp@bca.warrington.ac.uk before Friday 16th March 2017 . You will receive a confirmation email with the venue confirmed.

Dates for your diary 2016-2017

March

Primary Schools

Secondary Schools

Primary & Secondary

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 13 L3 School Games U15 Handball | 14 L3 School Games Y3-4 Football. U12-16 Girls Football | 15 | 16 L3 School Games U15 Volleyball, Y5-6 Tag Rugby, Quick Sticks Hockey & Y7-8 Girls Rugby | 17 L3 School Games Y5-6 High 5 Netball Y5-6 Basketball |
| 20 | 21 School Games U14 Basketball | 22 | 23 | 24 L3 School Games Y5-6, 7-8 Sportshall Athletics |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

April

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May

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| 1 | 2 | 3 Y3-4 Diamond Cricket Competition | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Y5-6 Tri-Golf Competition | 18 Y3-4 & 5-6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition | 19 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Y5-6 Quad Kids Athletics Competition | 26 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



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Thank you to all the teachers who attended the Introduction to Teaching Handball Course which was held at Blacon High School on Wednesday 15th February.

Cheshire FA Talent Day—Saturday 18th March @ Cheshire FA HQ.

Cheshire FA are running an England Talent Day and Talent Identification Programme for players aged 12-16 with any of the following impairments or disabilities:

- Partially sighted (visual impairment),
- Deaf/hearing impaired,
- Cerebral Palsy or acquired brain injury (impairment of muscle tone, movement, co-ordination and control),
- Amputee,
- Learning Disability,
- Blind.

If you want to register a child for the Talent Day or have any questions, then please contact Wendy Booth at Cheshire FA Wendy.Booth@cheshirefa.com for more information.