



Chester SSP



Newsletter



December 2017

Welcome to the December edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter in 2017-2018.

We have had a busy half term with the Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey competition, the Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival, the Inclusive Multi Sports Festival and the Bronze Young Ambassador Training. Over 780 children have taken part in our events this half term, with over 500 of them being the first time that they have participated. It has been a busy, but amazing few weeks, so thank you to all the children, teachers and schools!

As a reminder, if staff wish to book onto the Primary Netball Refresher Course on 11th January 3-4pm, please book via our website www.chesterssp.co.uk

We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to a busy sporty year ahead!

Platinum School Games Mark Awards 2016-2017

A huge congratulations go to Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School and to Waverton Community Primary School for achieving the Platinum School Games Mark Award for 2016-2017.

The Platinum Award was launched earlier this year as an extension of the School Games Mark to reward schools who have maintained consistently high standards with their school sport provision. As part of the extended application the eligible candidates, who had achieved five successive gold awards, were asked to submit a detailed case study along with a supporting paragraph from their School Games Organiser (SGO).

A special thank you to Nic Gordon and Jean McCormick who have worked very hard over the last five years to maintain the Gold award and to then achieve the Platinum award!

Only 104 schools across the country have gained the Platinum award, which is a fantastic achievement for our two schools.

Simon Talbot (Head Teacher from Waverton) said

"We are delighted to have received the prestigious School Games Mark Platinum Award, which is recognition of the commitment and enthusiasm from Nicola Gordon, our PE coordinator, and the children of Waverton Primary School towards an active and healthy lifestyle."



All winners will be exempt from next year's School Games Mark award process and will automatically receive the Platinum Award again in 2018. They will also receive a special plaque to commemorate their achievement and will be entered into a draw to win a surprise presentation visit from a celebrity guest.

School Games Inclusive Health Check

The Inclusive Health Check is now once again available to schools through the new School Games website. The health check, which was originally launched in January 2016, is now in its third academic year of development.

Inclusive opportunities that are inspiring, accessible and meaningful for all young people is a core principle within the School Games, and the Inclusive Health Check allows those within the School Games network to measure how they are performing against this. By applying the broader inclusive principles that are highlighted throughout the health check across all competitions, users are encouraged to consider how young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities have access and opportunity to participate in high quality competitive opportunities.

Please note that all health checks completed during the 2016/17 academic year have been migrated to the new website and can be viewed via your dashboard.

Remember, the health check is also a part of the School Games Mark prerequisites, so don't delay and get started on yours soon! We look forward to seeing how much you have progressed over the last year.

Online Reporting of the Primary PE and Sport Premium

As a reminder, you must publish details of how you spend your PE and Sport Premium funding. This must include:

- The amount of premium received.
- A full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent).
- The impact the school has seen on pupils' PE and sport participation and attainment.
- How the improvements will be sustainable in the future.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, there is a new condition requiring schools to publish how many pupils within their year 6 cohort are meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

To help you plan, monitor and report on the impact of your spending, it's recommended that you download a template to record your activity. The Department has commissioned The Association for PE and the Youth Sport Trust to develop a template to help you do this:

<http://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/evidencing-the-impact-guidance-template/>

Accountability reviews will be carried out after the April deadline for schools to have published details on their websites of how they have spent their premium funding. Some schools will be selected in each local authority to look at their reports.

If you need any assistance on any of the above, please contact Claire or Elizabeth.

Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey Competition

The Year 5&6 Quicksticks Hockey took place on 16th November at Upton High School. We had 25 teams enter with a total number of 140 boys and girls playing hockey. The sun shone, the smiles got bigger and the goals came tumbling in. We had 2 competitions running at the same time. The B competition semi finals saw Upton Heath beat Mickle Trafford 3-2 in a very close game and Cherry Grove beat Waverton by the same score in another great game. The final of the B competition was won by Cherry Grove 3-1 all players played very well and fully deserved the victory.



The A competition semi finals saw The King's School beat Waverton 2-1 and Guilden Sutton beat Mickle Trafford 3-2. The final was a great match with some fantastic skills on show and very competitive. Full time saw the score tied at 3-3 so on to sudden death, both teams could have won it but The King's School scored a great goal to win the competition and progress to the County Finals in March. We wish them good luck in the finals.

Many thanks to Upton High School for providing the facilities and also some excellent leaders who helped to referee and score the matches. Also to Judith Gilmour and her coaches from CEPD for refereeing.



Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

On Thursday 30th November, the Year 2 Multi Skills Festival was held at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. A staggering 23 schools took part in the event, involving 535 children.



Schools selected which time slot they wanted to attend, and had an hour to complete 6 activities. These were: dynamic balance, stacking cups, fast feet ladders, chest push, speed bounce and target throw. Every 6 minutes, the children moved round to the next activity.

They each had a certificate, where they collected a star sticker on completion of the skill achieved. The children had an amazing time, and the hall had a brilliant buzz of excitement throughout the day.

We had fantastic support from the level 1 sports students from West Cheshire College, who led on individual activities.



Also a thank you to Judith Gilmour and the coaches from CEPD for helping out on the day.

Inclusive Multi Sports Festival

On Wednesday 6th December the Inclusive Multi Sports Festival for children in years 3-6 was held at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Around 120 children from 13 schools took part in this inaugural event. The children rotated around four activities: boccia, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball and tri-golf. The excitement around the hall was electric, with broad smiles from all the children. One child had so much fun that he even said 'this is the best day of my life'.



We were delighted that Paralympian Anna Jackson from Cheshire Phoenix Wheelchair Basketball Club ran the wheelchair basketball session. Last week she won the national award for Disability Coach of the Year at the 2017 UK Coaching Awards, a fantastic achievement. Schools can now contact Anna should they wish to find out about wheelchair basketball training, schools sessions, inspirational talks and much more. (Please do contact us if you want to investigate some further opportunities with Anna).

Many thanks to Judith Gilmour and her coaches from CEPD for their help in running the event.



Level 3 School Games Boccia Competition

A huge congratulations to the Dee Banks School boccia team who came third at the county Level 3 School Games Boccia Competition on Tuesday 5th December at MMU in Crewe. It was a superb event and was received well by all the schools and participants who took part. Well done!

Blogging on the School Games website

A huge congratulations and thank you to Saughall All Saints and Cherry Grove primary schools for uploading your blogs onto the School Games website.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the profile page for Saughall All Saints Church of England Primary School. The page features a header with a photo of the school sports team and the school's name and address: "Saughall All Saints Church of England Primary School, CHURCH ROAD, CHESTER, ENGLAND, CH1 6EP". The main content area includes a paragraph about the school's commitment to PE and Sport, mentioning awards like the GOLD Kitemark and Cheshire Schools awards. To the right, there is a "School Games Mark" section with a gold award icon and text stating "Saughall All Saints Church of England Primary School achieved Gold award last year." Below this is a "Find your school" search box. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock set to 15:15 on 01/11/2017.

All schools are encouraged to complete their profile page on the School Games website and blog any sporting activities that you do. It is very easy to blog, you can even just copy and paste an article you have already written for your notice board / newsletter etc.

If you would like to help on setting up your profile page and blogging on the website, please do contact Elizabeth.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a blog post titled "Ambassadors Appointed" by MR JONES, dated 17 OCT 2017. The post content discusses the appointment of new Bronze Ambassadors at Cherry Grove Primary School and the development of roles within the school. To the right, there is a "Cherry Grove Primary School" section with a "Back to school homepage" button and a "Find your school" search box. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock set to 15:18 on 01/11/2017.

School Games Mark Guidelines for Schools.

The School Games Mark Guidance Documents for Schools has now been released and is able to download from the School Games website (www.yourschoolgames.com) or the Chester SSP website (www.chesterssp.co.uk). Any primary, secondary and special school can apply for the award.

Please do start to look at the guidance documents now as there are some slight differences in the criteria this year.

For any school who has not applied for the School Games Mark before, it is easier to go for the bronze award initially and then as you understand the criteria, you can then plan for the following year.

Please read through the guidance documents and let us know if you need any help or do not understand any of the areas. Most of the programmes and activities that we do within the School Sport Partnership will help you achieve a School Games Mark, so please do keep copies of registers and any evidence of leadership activities etc.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK GUIDANCE FOR ALL SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



All queries for School Games Mark need to be directed to info@yourschoolgames.com
 This document is designed to help schools understand and interpret the criteria needed to make a successful application at the different levels.

Criteria: Prerequisites for all levels			
Increasing Engagement in School Games			
Criterion	Explanation	Examples of Supporting Evidence	Comments
Have a system in place to track young people's participation in the School Games Inclusive of physical activity.	This can be paper-based or electronic, but must be able to support your school to create strategies to increase participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registers Databases SIMs system or equivalent Student record of achievement 	Speak to your School Games Organiser (SGO) who may be able to provide you with some examples.
Have opportunities that attract less-active young people to participate in physical activity.	There is an increasing number of young people of all ages that are not regularly engaging with physical activity opportunities and are therefore classed as less active. It is important for schools to identify who these young people are and start to understand the reasons for their inactivity. This may include health, social, cultural and physical issues that will need to be overcome to increase participation in PE, school sport and physical activity interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracker/register of pupils identified as least active in school List of opportunities available to less active young people (e.g. Change4Life Sports Clubs) Knowledge, or copy, of whole-school physical-activity policy to support this area Registers for after-school clubs designed for the less active Detail of how the less active are targeted and signposted to opportunities Evidence of reference to Student Voice and adapting programmes based upon the demand of students, e.g. student survey, School Sport Organising Committee/Crew Inclusive Health Check 	Speak to your School Games Organiser (SGO) who may be able to provide you with some examples of how to identify and support these young people.








Chance to Shine (ECB)

Chance to Shine has a new primary schools programme for cricket delivery in primary schools. It is a fun, active and inclusive set of activities to inspire 5-11 year olds to play and learn through cricket.

Primary schools can register for free on-line teaching resources at:

teachers.chancetoshine.org



Bronze Young Ambassador Training

On Wednesday 13th December 36 children from 17 schools took part in our Bronze Young Ambassador training day held at Blacon Enterprise Centre. Here they learned about the role of a Bronze Ambassador and the skills and qualities needed to be effective in their role.

The children were selected by their teachers as showing the greatest potential to be Sports Ambassadors in their school.

They have been tasked with setting up a Sport Organising Crew, running a Level 1 (intra-school) competition and also blogging on their school, and the Your School Games website.

The children from years 5&6 came up with some brilliant ideas which they are now going to share with their school and set in motion.

If any of the teachers from the schools involved need any further information to help the Ambassadors in their role, then please do contact us.



Change 4 Life Champions Training

Please save the date of Wednesday 14th February for the Change 4 Life Champions and Mentor training. Bronze Sports Ambassadors will be invited back to have a re-cap on their role as a Sports Ambassador and attend the exciting C4L training.

Dates for your diary 2017-2018

December

Primary Schools

Secondary Schools

Primary & Secondary

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	5 County Boccia Competition	6 SEN Multi Sports Festival	7	8
11	12	13 Bronze Young Ambassador Training	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11 CPD—Primary Netball Refresher Course	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25 Year 5&6 Basketball Competition	26
29	30	31 Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics Competition		

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics Competition	2
5	6	7	8 Year 3&4 Small Sided Football Competition	9
12	13	14 C4L Champions / Mentors Training	15 Year 5&6 High 5 Netball Competition	16
19	20	21 Playground Leaders Training	22	23
26	27	28		



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