



Newsletter



December 2021

Welcome to our latest edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this term, we have organised 9 events where over 900 children have taken part. Many of them have never represented their school before, and such a delight they were. The children in the year 1 and year 2 multi skills events were very excited to be taking part, as were the teachers to be out of school!

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who have been to any of our events where we have taken away the mass gathering at the start and end of our events, and have introduced extra measures to reduce any COVID risk. We will continue to follow any guidance from the government, Youth Sport Trust and AfPE on this.

If you need any support in your school in understanding and creating a plan to work towards the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation of an average of 60 active minutes a day for children (30 minutes within the school day), then please do contact us.

Additionally, if you need any support in your role as a PE lead or with the School Games, please do contact us. We are happy to help.

The Inclusive Health Check is now live on the dashboard of the School Games website.

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/>. This allows you to have a look at your inclusive PE provision and gives you tips on ideas to help your development plan. Please do have a look and complete the health check. If you need any help, please do contact us.

Thank you to the schools who have registered on the Koboca website. <https://www.koboca.co.uk/>

If you have not yet done so, please do so when you can. There should only be one registration per school, so please share with your colleagues. We are hoping to release the first Cheshire and Warrington survey in the new year, and all schools need to be registered to access it.

Thank you for all your support this year and we hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely to get back to seeing everyone in person this term, thank you.

Year 3&4 Netball

In February we are running a Year 3&4 Netball festival as part of the School Games offer. You do not need to teach the children the rules for High 5 netball. This event is a Bee Netball festival where the children will practise netball skills around a variety of stations. They will not have any matches as this is an activity which is for children who are new to the sport.

We do not want you to spend time teaching the High 5 netball rules when this is not necessary.

Boccia Festival



Thank you and well done to all the schools that took part in the Boccia festival at Northgate Arena on Thursday 4th November. The children loved the fun games and learning a new sport. Thank you to the teachers who supported the children at the event, it was lovely to watch the children taking part.

SEND Multi Sports Festival

The SEND Multi Sports Festival took place at Ellesmere Port Sports Village on Wednesday 24th November. The children participated in sitting volleyball, boccia, new age kurling and wheelchair basketball.

We were delighted that Paralympian wheelchair basketball athlete Anna Jackson and her activators were able to lead on the wheelchair basketball. The children loved having a try in the wheelchairs and were soon able to propel themselves around the basketball court at speed!

Well done to all the schools that took part in the event.

Thank you to the coaches from CEPD for helping at the event.

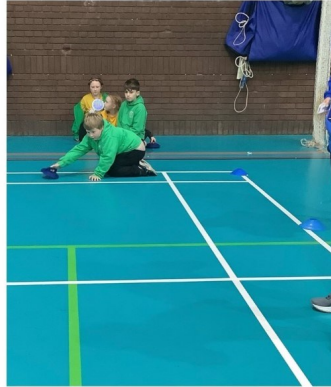


New Age Kurling Festival

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We had a lovely New Age Kurling Festival at Northgate Arena on Wednesday 10th November.

The children learned how to play the sport and had a fun non-competitive afternoon.

Many thanks to the schools who took part the event and to the teachers who brought their teams.



Pictured to the left are photographs from the team at St Clare's Catholic Primary School.

Well done and thank you for a fun morning.

Year 4-6 Girls Basketball Competition—Thursday 18th November

Congratulations to all the 11 teams who took part in the Year4-6 Girls Basketball Competition at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

This was a girls basketball event for those who have not previously represented their school team before. The girls received coaching during the games and it was lovely to see by the time they got to the end of the tournament, how their passing, dribbling and shooting skills had improved. They were much more confident in the game and enjoyed the event.



The winners from this competition were Waverton Community Primary School who will progress to the Cheshire and Warrington County Final in March 2022. Guilden Sutton Primary School were runners up in what was a very close tournament.

Well done to all the girls and thank you to the coaches from CEPD for refereeing the matches.



Year 1&2 Multiskills Festival

Northgate Arena hosted the Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival on Wednesday 1st December, and the Year 2 event on Wednesday 8th December. We had 18 school teams attending with over 530 children participating and enjoying the activities. It was great to watch the children taking part in the various stations which included balance, co-ordination, and target throwing.

Thank you to all the extra support from the schools, they are very busy events, but thoroughly enjoyable. Thank you also to Judith Gilmour and the coaches from CEPD for their support in running the events.



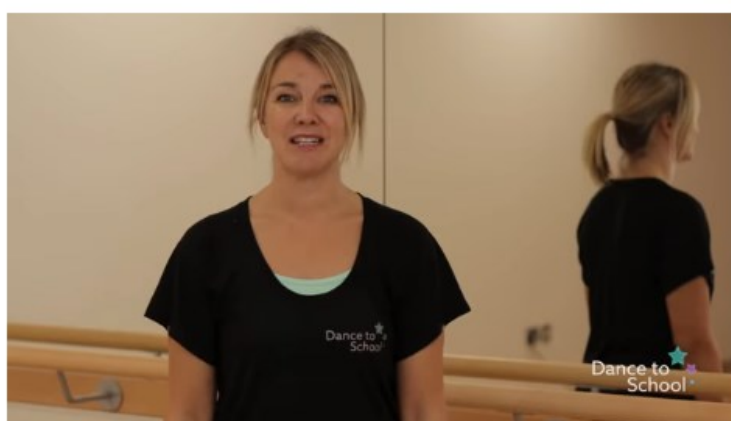
CPD— Dance

We are delighted to be able to offer a free online Dance CPD session with Eve Murphy from Dance to School www.dancetoschool.com on Tuesday 1st February 4 - 5pm. Eve is a qualified PE and dance teacher, with over 20 years' experience. The session is being offer to help support both specialists and non-specialists and will cover:

- The building blocks of dance
- How to make teaching dance less frightening
- Practical examples to use in your lessons
- Free lesson plans for all attendees

You can register for the event here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chester-schools-sport-partnership-free-primary-dance-cpd-tickets-211164136617>

If you have any questions you would like Eve to answer during the Q and A at the end please email them to her at eve@dancetoschool.com



School Games Inclusive Health Check

The Inclusive Health Check is available to School Games registered schools, on an annual basis. It allows its users to improve best practice, access key resources, and develop an action plan. Please log in to your dashboard to complete your health check.

Go to the School Games website www.yourschoolgames.com and log in

Regardless of your answers you will not be penalised for doing/ not doing something. This is just a self-review tool to make you think about your practice.

Cheshire U11 Dodgeball Competition

The Cheshire Schools Dodgeball Championship will take place on Monday 7th February 2022 at Warrington Vale Royal College.

The event is open to children in year 6 or below, and provides a great competition opportunity to support the new inclusive dodgeball festival format.

The [Schools Competition Page](#) and [Schools Championships Guide](#) provide all the information schools need regarding the competition.

<https://www.britishdodgeball.org/school-competitions/>

Please note that this is not a Chester SSP event, but organised by the National Governing Body of British Dodgeball. There is a charge per team to enter the event and all the details are on the above link.

FA Primary Teachers Course

On Tuesday 16th November we organised a FA Primary Teachers Course at Northgate Arena in partnership with Ellesmere Port School Sport Partnership. Teachers and TAs from across the area attended this CPD workshop which covered aspects such as learning through games and holistic development in PE.

There will be a second workshop in the spring / summer term which will cover mapping a PE curriculum. This is an open course where you do not need to have attended workshop one to attend workshop two. We will send out details of this in the new year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop.



School Games Mark

On your dashboard of the School Games website, schools are now able to access the criteria for the School Games Mark for 2021-2022.

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/>

Please do have a read of the criteria for this year if you have not already done so. If you have any questions, please do contact us.

We will be holding a School Games Mark application workshop in the summer term after the opening of the application window in May.

Please see a copy of the information provided on your dashboard below:

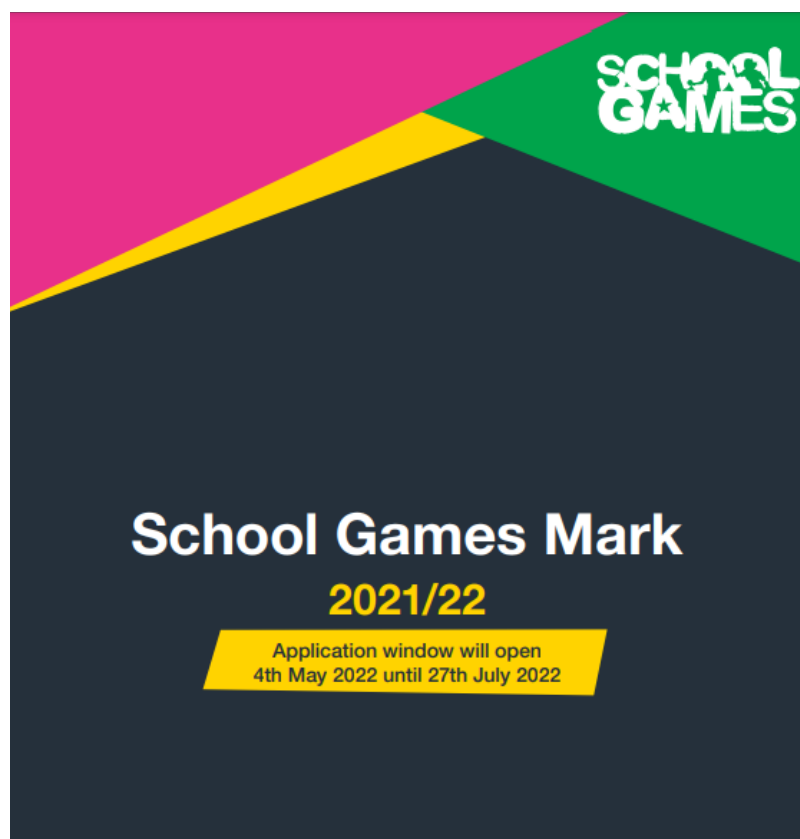
We are delighted to be able to share with you the refreshed criteria for School Games Mark 2021/22, to allow sufficient time for schools to understand the revised questions and collate data in advance of the application window opening on Wednesday 04 May 2022.

Following a period of consultation, we will be reinstating the award levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum but we have done this giving full consideration to not adding more pressure to already hard-pressed schools.

We have simplified the number of questions for this year, which will be confined to Yes/No answers where possible. You may wish to liaise with your SGO to discuss the new criteria, and ensure your school has an action plan in place throughout the year to help you prepare for the application once it is live.

If you have any questions about the criteria or would like to meet with us to talk through your School Games Mark plans for this year, please do contact us.

We have already contacted the schools who are eligible for Platinum status this year.



The Great British Dance Off



TGBDO live group competitions are back!

The Great British Dance Off are so excited to announce the return of the live group competitions. They can't wait to see everyone back for the live performances (subject to government guidelines for COVID19). And what's more, following the overwhelming success of the virtual competitions, they are also hosting the virtual solo competition again!

Each school can enter as many teams as it likes for the group competition and up to 5 entries for the solo competition. Whatever your preferred style of dancing, whatever your level of experience, they want you to be involved. A bit of imagination, dedication and teamwork is all that is required.

Please click on the link below to find out about the event this year and to register. The website does say that the closing date for entries has passed, however this has been extended to the end of the school term.

<https://www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com/>

Cheshire and Warrington Panathlon Festival

Dee Banks School took part in the Cheshire and Warrington Panathlon festival on Monday 22nd November.

The secondary team came overall winners, worked really well as a team and had such a fun day.

Congratulations to the team at Dee Banks, really well done!.



Koboca

Thank you to all the schools who have registered on the Koboca website. www.koboca.co.uk.

Koboca has the ability to allow you to access virtual competitions at a local, county and national level, with a really simple way to upload your results. It also comes with a surveying tool which we will use, giving your school useful data and evidence for Ofsted and the PE & Sports Premium.

You can create your own surveys for your school, where you can then access the reports and results.

Before you can access the website, you will need to register on the Koboca website.

To do this click here: <https://www.koboca.co.uk/purchase/>

You need to fill in the registration form, and on the sports partnership section please go to the drop down box and select Chester School Sport Partnership. **This is important as this links your school to our partnership and will allow you to take part in our surveys and events.**

This is completely free for all schools across Cheshire and Warrington:

You do not need to enter anything in the purchase order or discount boxes, please leave these blank.

Please tick:

I understand my Sports Partnership has paid for this package and there is no cost to my school.

Once registered you will receive an email with your login codes. Please keep these safe as you will need them to enter the virtual competitions and access the surveys.

Registration literally takes 2 minutes.

Only one member of staff per school is required to register.

Biggest Ever Football Session For Girls!

On Wednesday 9th March 2022, England Football and Barclays want to put on the biggest EVER football session for girls in school and they need your help!

Whether you're already delivering girls' football in your school or want to take that first step to give girls' equal access, #LetGirlsPlay biggest EVER football session is one not to be missed.

What does the day look like?

At lunchtime, in a lesson or after school – you decide! The aim? To get as many girls as possible in school all playing football on the same day!

Whether you want to use one of your own session plans or want a bit of inspiration from the free resources – it's up to you. All they ask is that you capture your session and shout about it across social media using #LetGirlsPlay and #GirlsFootballinSchools.

How do I get my school involved? Follow the link below for more information and to register.

<https://girlsfootballinschools.org.uk/letgirlsplay.php>



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'Providing opportunities for every young person to shine'

Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support over this last term, we have such amazing children and staff in our schools.

Thank you, Claire and Elizabeth.