



Newsletter



April 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter. For the first time since 2020, we were delighted to organise the Cheshire and Warrington School Games Winter Finals. It was such a pleasure to go to the events and see the children taking part in the festivals and competitions against other schools from across Cheshire and Warrington. To see the rainbow of coloured t-shirts once again was fantastic.



Thank you to all the teachers and staff who have supported the school teams in their journey from team selection through to the Chester event, and then the county final. A lot of work goes into preparing the children for such events, so thank you.

Well done to all the children who have taken part, you all made us very proud to see the yellow t-shirts!

Please do log onto the Chester SSP website (www.chesterssp.co.uk) to register for any primary school events that you wish to take part in during the summer term.

If your primary school has already booked onto the Year 5&6 cricket events this year, please note that the venue has changed to Christleton Cricket Club.

Inclusive Health Check

The Inclusive Health Check for 2021/22 is live and is accessible via your School Games dashboard. This is a self-review tool to make you think about your practice. It allows its users to improve best practice, access key resources, and develop and action plan.

It only takes a few minutes to do, so log into your dashboard on the Your School Games website and complete your Inclusive Health Check today. <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/>

Cheshire & Warrington Winter School Games.

Check out the following pages for the results from the Winter School Games events.....



Sportshall Athletics



On Tuesday 15th March we held the Sportshall Athletics events at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Representing Chester we had Saughall All Saints in the Year 5&6 event and Dodleston in the Year 4-6 small schools event. It was a tough competition, and Saughall put in some great performances finishing in 5th place.

This was the first year that we have held the small schools event and this was a great opportunity for the smaller schools to take part. Dodleston had a talented team coming in 3rd place and also won the Spirit of the Games award. In the secondary event, we had some great athletes from The Kings School and Catholic High School representing Chester. You can find a full set of results below:



Year 8 girls Kings—1st
Year 8 boys Catholic High—8th
Year 7 girls Catholic High—8th
Year 7 boys Kings—5th and Spirit of the Games award.
Year 5&6 Saughall—5th
Year 4-6 Small Schools Dodleston— 3rd & Spirit of the Games award.
Well done to all the teams involved, it was a great start to the Winter Games!

Year 3&4 Bee Netball Festival

The Year 3&4 Bee Netball Festival held at Northgate Arena on Thursday 17th March was the first time that this event has been held at the Cheshire and Warrington School Games finals. This festival was aimed towards children who have not played netball before and consisted of six different activity stations. The children then played mini games of hoop ball to further develop their skills against another team.

Representing Chester we had Acresfield and Upton Heath primary schools. Year 7 leaders from Blacon High School led the activity stations and did a superb job, showing great sports leadership skills. Well done to all the children taking part and a thank you to the Blacon High School leaders.

All the children came home with a gold medal, and the Spirit of the Games Award went to Acresfield, well done!



Year 5&6 Netball



Macclesfield Leisure Centre hosted the Year 5&6 Netball competition on Friday 18th March. Representing Chester we had St Martin's Academy.

The standard of netball by all the teams was very high and we are delighted that St Martins finished in 4th place and won the Spirit of the Games award. They played with such determination and showed great team work, it was a pleasure to watch them play. Well done team St Martins!



U14 Boys and Year 5&6 Girls Basketball

Ellesmere Port Sports Village was the venue for the U14 Boys and the Year 5&6 Girls Basketball county finals on Thursday 24th March. Representing Chester we had The Bishops Blue Coat High School, Guilden Sutton and Waverton Primary Schools. Final positions were:

Waverton Primary School = 4th place
Guilden Sutton Primary School = 5th place
Bishops Blue Coat High School = 2nd place
Well done to all the children who took part in the event at the Sports Village!.



Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey

On Thursday 23rd March, Mickle Trafford Primary School travelled to Alderley Edge for the Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey competition. The weather was glorious and the teams played extremely well. Mickle Trafford drew with another school, but finished ahead on goal difference, finishing in 3rd position. Well done to all the players at Mickle Trafford!



Thank you to all the amazing teachers who have supported their sports teams through all the stages of the School Games events from selection to the county finals.

U12, U14 and U16 Girls Football

On Tuesday 22nd March Moss Farm hosted the Girls U12, U14 and U16 Football finals.

It was a glorious afternoon of sunshine and it was fantastic to see over 200 girls playing football. Girls representing Chester were:

U12 Bishops Blue Coat High School—7th place

U14 Queens Park High School—7th place and Spirit of the Games Award

U16 Upton High School—3rd place, and Tarporley High School—5th place.



Well done to all the girls taking part in the event. There was some brilliant football being played by the teams.

Thank you to the teachers for supporting the teams at the event.

All Stars & Dynamo Cricket

All Stars Cricket is the fantastic entry-level cricket programme for 5–8-year-olds boys and girls (Reception-Year2) and is back for another year! Join over 70,000 children nationwide for a summer of family fun at your local cricket club. Every child receives a free participant pack, including personalised t-shirt, bat and ball, as part of the programme. Visit the link below to find your nearest centre.

www.allstarscricket.co.uk



Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket as well as the perfect introduction for all 8–11-year-olds new to the sport! Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket. Every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number. To find out more and where your nearest centre is visit www.dynamoscricet.co.uk

There are a few slots available if you would like Andrew Jackson from Cheshire Cricket Board to do a taster or assembly in your school. Please contact him direct. andrew.jackson@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk

The Golf Foundation



Take a look at the link below on the latest information on teacher training and resources from the Golf Foundation.

Golfway is the updated golf programme for primary schools and offers inter and intra school activities.

https://www.golf-foundation.org/about/news/teachers-do-we-need-training-to-teach-golf-in-schools/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=march&utm_term=teaching_golf_in_school&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=March%20Update&utm_content=March%20Update+CID_cda45fc7da2e6e00241f027f841846bb&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor%20Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Teachers%20Do%20we%20need%20training%20to%20teach%20golf%20in%20schools

National Virtual Competitions

Please check your School Games dashboard on the School Games website (www.yourschoolgames.com) to have a look at the National Virtual Competition. This aims to support young people achieving their personal best and will focus on three activities based around the following Commonwealth Games and School Games values: Humanity, Equality and Destiny.

Each value will have its own spotlight month in the lead up to B2022. The activities will be simple progressive activities based around physical activity principles using the inspiration of B2022 to engage.

There will also be the opportunity for schools to be entered into a monthly prize draw, schools who have the highest levels of engagement with our National Virtual Competition social media posts could stand a chance to win a variety of prizes.

School Games Value Challenges



Ayers Rock is a famous rock formation in Australia. Why do the Australians respect it so much? What do the Aboriginal people call it?



Whilst taking part in a challenge, players will improve if they practice and do not cheat. If something is too easy then it no longer becomes a challenge. How can players make the challenges easier or harder?

Challenge 1



- In Aussie Rules Football, players score 6 points for kicking the ball between the two middle posts.
- Challenge players to kick a ball with accurate precision.
- Set up two posts on the floor. Aiming to kick a ball (any shape or size) between the two posts 20

Challenge 2



- In Aussie Rules Football, the only way you can pass a ball is to 'hand ball'. Place the ball in the palm of the hand. The ball is struck with the butt of the other hand clenched into a fist. Players cannot throw or slap the ball to perform a successful pass.
- Challenge players to 'hand ball' with accurate

Challenge 3



- In Aussie Rules Football, players can run with the ball, but must not run more than 15m without bouncing the ball or touching it to the ground.
- Challenge players to run with a ball at speed and bounce a ball to the ground whilst maintaining speed.

Cricket CPD

We have organised a CPD Cricket Course for teachers in partnership with Cheshire Cricket.

The session will explore the following:

- How can cricket benefit our school
- Batting
- Bowling
- Fielding
- Countdown Cricket (new Kwik Cricket)
- Resources to aid planning (lessons and longer view planning)

Participants will need access to an internet connectable device.

Date: Thursday 21st April 2022

Time: 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Christleton Cricket Club

Cost: FREE

If you or anyone in your school would like to attend the above course, then please book on via the link below

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/rkqn68>

YST Inclusive Sports Programme

Inclusive Sports Programmes aims to deliver a series of inclusive programmes and festivals that are inspired by the Winter Paralympic Games and Commonwealth Games. The impact of this project provides young people with and without SEND the opportunity to come together and participate in Paralympics and Commonwealth-themed activities. This will support development of acceptance and friendships between young people with and without SEND and provide schools with high quality resources to continue to use back in schools to further increase participation.

Following [this link](#), you will find a suite of videos and activity cards for adapted sports inspired by the Winter Paralympics Games, hosted in Beijing in March 2022. All sports and activities have been designed so they can easily be delivered in a school setting

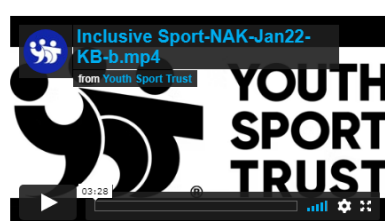
Bench Hockey - [download the activity card](#)



Curling in the classroom - [download the activity card](#)



New Age Kurling - [download the activity card](#)



Slalom - [download the activity card](#)



LTA Youth Start Courses

What is LTA Youth Start?

LTA Youth Start is designed to help children who are new to tennis start playing, building their confidence and skills along the way.

Who is LTA Youth Start suitable for?

The LTA Youth Start programme is suitable for children aged between 4-11 years old who have never played tennis before. If your child has played tennis before, then our Youth Programme might be more suitable.

What does the LTA Youth Start programme include?

The LTA Youth Start programme includes:

- Six top-class tennis sessions
 - Equipment
 - Branded t-shirt
 - Activity cards
- Certificate upon completion from your coach

This is a modern approach to tennis training. Forget standing around waiting for your turn to hit a forehand. Think dynamic sessions catered for all abilities.

We want to encourage children to play tennis throughout their lives – and be active too. So, if your child is aged 4-11, why not give it a try?

To find a venue and dates near you, please click the link below.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/parents-area/start/>

Please note that the price and age band for the six week course varies depending on the location.



Hockey Teacher Training

Primary and Secondary

England Hockey are providing free virtual teacher CPD workshops to celebrate the launch of their new free schools membership. The school membership aims to support the initial delivery and development of hockey within the school. Benefits include:

- Access to HockeyHub, providing general hockey delivery support and assistance to schools and CPD opportunities for teachers
- Pre-recorded video content and webinars covering a range of topics to support delivery
- Ready-made session content to help with lesson/session planning, delivery, and assessment
- Termly e-newsletters containing up-to-date news, exclusive offers, and access to tickets for international matches
- Help and support to identify suitable CPD.

To sign up for the free school membership simply register for a [HockeyHub account](#) and indicate your role/s.

To book your space via the links below (please note spaces are limited):

[Tuesday 10 May, 4-6pm](#)

[Monday 16 May, 7-9pm.](#)

After registering, use the links above to sign up for the free virtual teacher CPD workshops which aim to ensure teachers can deliver fun and engaging hockey sessions. The workshops are aimed at teachers and will cover the following:

- Benefits of delivering hockey as a sport
- Overcome concerns about teaching hockey and explore solutions to common challenges
- Some fun and engaging introductory games that can be played at both **primary and secondary**
- Explore next steps and where to get further resources and development

Koboca Survey

We have sent all schools the details for the Koboca survey. Thank you to the schools who have already completed this, we hope that you have found the results useful.

The survey will offer schools highly detailed insights into the feelings, behaviours and habits of your pupils. You will have immediate access to the results of the survey which will help you to understand the children in your school and how you can make changes to your PE and physical activity offer to open up opportunities for all children.

If you have not yet completed the survey in your school then please have a look, it really does give you an insight into the thoughts and feelings of the pupils completing the survey. <https://www.koboca.co.uk/login/>

Don't forget once you have registered you can set up your own survey within you school, devise your own questions or send a questionnaire out to parents. All results will be automatically populated by the website.

If you need any assistance with registration, accessing or completing the survey, please do contact us.



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'Providing opportunities for every young person to shine'

New Eco Friendly Spirit of the Games Value

We are proud to announce that the new Spirit of the Games value is Eco Friendly. This value was chosen by young people within the network and in partnership with **Planet Earth Games**, and encourages us to think more about the everyday choices we can all make to help the planet.

The Spirit of the Games branding pack will be updated soon to include the new value. In the meantime, the Eco Friendly logo can be found on your **dashboards** on the School Games website.

