



# Chester SSP



## Newsletter



April 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter. Congratulations to all the schools who have represented Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games county finals. Representing Chester, no matter where you finish in the county final, is a great achievement in itself. Well done.

The School Games Mark window opens on 1st May, if you want any help with the application, please do let us know.

All the summer term events for primary schools are now on our website, please do enter now if you have not done so already. <https://chesterssp.co.uk/competitions/>

**PE and Sport Premium funding.** Primary schools are required to put on their website by 31st July, the impact report of their PE and Sport Premium funding. Please note that we have checked a few school's websites and they either do not have a section at all for this, or the report which is on there is out of date. For guidance on the funding please refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools>

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### Premier League Primary Stars—Active Allies

Football brings many benefits for young people, as players and fans. As part of PE lessons, played competitively against other schools, or just for fun in the playground, football helps children stay fit, supports mental health and develops social skills.

The Active Allies resources will empower girls to play football, with advice and support on creating an inclusive school environment, challenging bias in the school community, challenging gender stereotypes and supporting boys to be active allies.

The resources, created in partnership with Nike, include a Pupil Activity Pack, a Teacher Toolkit and an Assembly.

<https://plprimarystars.com/resources/active-allies#:~:text=The%20Active%20Allies%20resources%20will,boys%20to%20be%20active%20allies.>

## Biggest Ever Football Session

On Wednesday 6th March we teamed up with Chester FC Community Trust to give schools the chance to be part of the #LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football Session!

Last year more than 90,000 girls from schools across England joined in with the Biggest Ever Football Session. The event forms part of the The FA's #LetGirlsPlay campaign that aims to ensure girls have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs.

Forty Year 3 & 4 girls from 8 Chester schools enjoyed a fun-packed morning of coaching sessions and games with Chester FC Community Trust at King George V Community Sports Hub in Blacon.

Well done to all the girls who took part in the event, it was a fabulous opportunity to learn new skills and play football.

Thank you to the coaches from Chester FC Community Trust, it was a brilliant event.





## Inspire Games County Finals



On Monday 11th March Ellesmere Port Sports Village was the venue for the Sportshall Athletics Cheshire and Warrington County Finals.

Representing Chester we had six amazing teams of children. A special mention to St Martins Academy who chose to enter the large primary schools event, even though they qualified for the small schools event, and they still finished in 4th place!

The final positions are as follows:  
Small Schools Highfield—2nd  
Primary Schools St Martins—4th  
Year 7 Girls—Kings—4th  
Year 7 Boys—Upton—1st  
Year 8 Girls—Queens—3rd  
Year 8 Boys—Catholic High—4th

Congratulations to all the teams who took part, well done, it was a pleasure to watch.



Upton High School represented Chester in the U12 girls football competition. In a close fought group stage against teams from Neston, Sandbach and Culcheth they finished in the 3rd place play off.

After following some amazing goals including a hatrick, they won 5:0 to win the bronze medal. Well done girls!

The U14 girls football competition has been postponed until after Easter due to water logged pitches. We wish them the best of luck in their final.





## Inspire Games Cont'd

In the U16 girls competition, representing Chester we had the talented team from Christleton High School. They finished in a well placed 4th position.

This was their last competition in school football as year elevens.



On Tuesday 12th March Alderley Edge hosted the Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey competition. Representing Chester we had Eaton and Waverton Primary Schools. The organiser was very impressed with the high standard of play in the event. Congratulations to Eaton Primary School who finished in an amazing 1st place!

Waverton finished in 5th place, which again is an incredible achievement to be 5th best in Cheshire and Warrington, well done.



Congratulations to Saughall All Saints who won their Year 5&6 Basketball competition at Rudheath High School on 18th March. Another fantastic achievement in what was a close competition. Amazing!



Well done to St Oswald's Primary School for representing Chester for the very first time at the Cheshire and Warrington finals on Wednesday 20th March in Macclesfield. This was in the Year 5&6 High 5 Netball competition where the team played to a very high standard. Well done!



## Primary Girls Football CPD

In partnership with the FA and the Youth Sport Trust we have been able to put on 3 County CPD sessions **FREE OF CHARGE** for teachers / school staff.

The sessions will be based around the Disney Shooting Stars programme (using powerful stories and role models to immerse the girls in play. Supporting the development of fundamental movement skills and physical literacy). The course is open to new schools or for schools that have previously attending a Shooting Stars course. Staff attending the session will work face to face with a tutor looking at how the programme works, the benefits to pupils and how it can be delivered back in your school.

The courses are spread out across the County (Helsby, Warrington & Crewe) and you can choose to attend any, the closest one to Chester is at **Helsby Sports Club on Monday 29th April 1pm-4pm.**

**The course is FREE and your school will receive resources and equipment for attendance at any course.**

For more information or to attend the course, please contact Claire Smedley or visit [www.girlsfootballinschools.org](http://www.girlsfootballinschools.org) for more information on all the girls football programmes available.

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## YST Inclusive Sport

The Youth Sport Trust have launched a Paralympic Summer Sport video series through their Inclusive Sports Programme. Take a look at the free resources for inspiration in planning your Paralympic Sports programme.

[Inclusive Sports Programme - Youth Sport Trust](#)

**The Inclusive Sport Programme delivers a suite of resources inspired by international disability and Para Sport events, including the Special Olympics World Games, the Winter and Summer Paralympic Games and the Commonwealth Games.**

The resources support the delivery of inclusive programmes of sport and festivals, providing young people with and without SEND the opportunity to come together and participate in themed festivals based on these international events.

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. The Inclusive Sports Programme is part of the DfE funded Inclusion 2024 programme.





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*'Providing opportunities for every young person to shine'*

## FREE CPD—Disney Shooting Stars Programme



### Committed to improving Equal Opportunities in PE & School Sport?

Take the next steps (or simply your first steps) by joining us at one of our Cheshire & Warrington Shooting Stars Conferences!

29/04/24, 1-4pm: Helsby Community Sports Club, WA6 0FX

30/04/24, 1-4pm: Warrington Town FC, WA4 2RS

03/05/24, 1-4pm: The Alexandra Soccer Centre, CW2 5AF

The **Disney Inspired Shooting Stars Programme by England Football** includes brilliant ideas and resources to enhance the curricular/extracurricular learning opportunities for girls. The conference will include practical activities & developmental workshops suitable for all primary schools, whether new to Shooting Stars or looking to enhance what they already do.

Click the link to register for one of the conferences:

[Koboca - Cheshire & Warrington Shooting Stars Conference Registration](#)