



# Newsletter



July 2024

Welcome to the last edition of Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter for this academic year. We can't believe how quickly this year seems to have flown by. This last half term has been a bit of whirlwind with all the re-arranging of events which were postponed due to the wet weather in May. Thank you very much to all the schools who have attended all these rescheduled events. We know that this time of year all the school timetables are full of school trips, shows, residential and sports days, so we really do appreciate you fitting in our events.

Thank you to the schools that attended the 60 Active Minutes webinar, we do have some additional training slides on our website should you wish to look at these, they are available for all schools to access.

The School Games Mark window closes on 26th July, so if any schools need any help with their application up until this date, please do contact us. Thank you and well done to all the schools who have already submitted your application.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to all the wonderful teachers and headteachers who will be retiring or moving schools at the end of the term. Thank you for your support for school sport, and for giving children the many opportunities that you have done so. Thank you for inspiring generations of students and letting the children shine bright. We hope that you enjoy your new adventures.

## PE and Sport Premium Funding

Remember that the primary school PE and Sport Premium spending impact report needs to be uploaded to your school website. As part of the [conditions of grant](#), schools must publish a report detailing how they have spent their PE and sport premium funding allocation on their school website by 31 July 2024.

Reports must include:

- the amount of PE and sport premium received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent, including justifying any additional costs incurred and describing:
  - ⇒ the measurable impact that the school has seen on pupils' PE attainment, physical activity and sport participation due to the spending
  - ⇒ how the spend will be sustainable in the future

Schools must also publish the percentage of pupils within its year 6 cohort in the 2023 to 2024 academic year who met the national curriculum swimming and water safety requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools>

## School Games Mark Awards 2023-2024

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

The School Games Mark application window is now open!. Schools have until **Friday 26th July** to apply. Please visit your dashboard on the School Games website, <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/>

You can save your progress as you go along, so do not think that you need to complete it in one go.

Remember to complete your Inclusive Health Check first.

If you need any help in applying, please do ask.

Awards so far this year have been awarded to:

Blacon High School

Maple Grove School

St Martins Academy

Eaton Primary School

Bunbury Aldersey Primary

Guilden Sutton Primary School

The Arches Primary School

Dorin Park School

Saughall All Saints

Chester Blue Coat Primary School

The Firs School

The Queens School

Tattenhall Park Primary School

St Werburgh's & Columba's Primary School

Upton Westlea Primary School

St Oswalds Primary School

Delamere Academy

Bishop Heber High School

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School

Waverton Primary School

Highfield Primary School

Newton Primary School

Mill View Primary School

**For any school who has completed the School Games Mark in the last week, you will receive your pin badge in the autumn term as we didn't want them to get lost in the post with schools closed for the summer.**



## Dynamos Cricket



We held our Year 5&6 'A' team Dynamos Cricket competition on Thursday 13th June at Barrow Cricket Club. Here we had 6 teams taking part involving 72 children. Despite the cool and windy weather, the rain just about held off and we had a fun day of Dynamos cricket.

The club were very welcoming and the facilities were outstanding.

Many thanks to Tom from Cheshire Cricket Board for running the event, to the coaches from CEPD for umpiring, and to the cricket club for hosting a lovely day of cricket.

Congratulations to Christleton who won every match, and to Tarvin as runners up, with both teams going forwards to represent Chester at the county finals in July.

Our 'B' team event was on Monday 24th June at Boughton Hall Cricket Club. This was a festival event where the children enjoyed taking part without any pressure of scoring and having a winner. We had 10 schools and 65 children taking part in the glorious sunshine.

Again thank you to CEPD for umpiring the matches, the cricket club for allowing us to use the amazing facilities and also to AJ from Cheshire Cricket for running the event.



## Year 3&4 Small Sided Football Festival

This 5 aside festival was held at Blacon High School, involving 8 schools and 70 children. This was refereed by 5 Blacon High School boys. We also had 12 Football Activators from the Girls Football Partnership programme from Blacon. They did a fantastic job in leading a primary school each, scoring the matches and just being a great help at the event.

We had 7 teams and 48 children enjoying the festival. Well done to all the children who took part in the event.

Thank you to Blacon High School for hosting.



## Year 5&6 Quad Kids Athletics

On Thursday 27th June we held our Quad Kids Athletics event at Upton High School. Here 11 schools and 88 children took part in 4 events: vortex howler throw, standing long jump, 75m sprint and the 600m run. All the results were then collated and a winning school is generated from the results.

The top 3 schools were Highfield, Waverton and Saughall. Congratulations to Highfield who won with some really magnificent individual results.

Thank you to the leaders from Upton High School for running the events and also the coaches from CEPD. Thank you to Upton High School for hosting the event.



## Table Tennis

Six schools attended the Table Tennis festival at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Here the children took part in a variety of table tennis skills and a few games. This was a new event this year run by the local table tennis club who are keen to promote the sport.

The children had a really good time, many of whom had not attended any of our events before. Thank you to all the schools who took part in the event.

## Year 3&4, 5&6 and Inclusive Tri Golf

On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July, Vicars Cross Golf Club hosted our Tri Golf festivals. Here 148 children from 29 school teams took part in the Tri Golf activities. They rotated around a number of different chipping and putting stations. The festival was an opportunity for the children to try golf in a fun and relaxed environment. Many had never tried golf before or been to a golf course. Many thanks to Vicars Cross Golf Club for hosting our event, the facilities at the club are amazing. Also thank you to the coaches from CEPD for running all the activity stations.



## Year 3&4 Diamond Cricket

On Thursday 11th July we had our Year 3&4 Diamond Cricket festival at Boughton Hall Cricket Club. Over the course of the two sessions in the day we had 11 schools and 110 children enjoy playing the games.

This was a festival event where there were not any scores being taken, and the children played lots of fun diamond cricket games with other schools. The teachers did an excellent job in bowling during the games and we also had the help of two amazing year 12 leaders from Queens Park High School. Thank you to AJ from Cheshire Cricket Board for running the event and to Boughton Hall Cricket Club for hosting us.

If any children are interested in taking up cricket and need to know more about clubs in the area, please do contact Andrew Jackson at [andrew.jackson@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk](mailto:andrew.jackson@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk)





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

## CAMPS

EVERY WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WITH A FOCUS ON TENNIS,  
WE DO A MIX OF SPORTS THAT ARE PROVEN TO

- ✔ IMPROVE FITNESS
- ✔ BOOST MENTAL HEALTH
- ✔ MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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School Years  
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## Cheshire Cricket Summer Courses

Summer Holidays  
VARIOUS VENUES IN CHESHIRE

The Summer Courses are led by our full-time professional coaching staff & includes a mix of skills, competitions, net sessions (hard and soft ball) & lots of matches!

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[www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/cricket-courses/child-summer](http://www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/cricket-courses/child-summer)