



Newsletter



May 2015

Welcome to the May edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership Newsletter. Thank you to the schools that have taken part in our programmes and events this term. Now the summer term is here, our competitions will lead to the Cheshire and Warrington Summer Games which will be held in July in Macclesfield.

CPD Courses: A list of all the CPD courses that will be available for schools to book onto has been sent out. Please book your spaces now for any courses that staff want to attend.

Primary School Sport Premium: Don't forget to update your school website on how you have used the Sport Premium this year and the impact it has had on your school.

Member Schools Swimming: We hope that the children taking part in the Year 6 swimming programme over the next few weeks enjoy it, and are able to develop new swimming skills.

Young Ambassador Training Day

On Thursday 23rd April, 24 children from 13 primary schools took part in the second Bronze Young Ambassadors Training Day at Blacon High School. This event was an opportunity for the children to re-cap on the training they received in November, and also to share what they have done in their roles as Bronze Ambassadors at their schools.

There is some fantastic work going on in the schools with Schools Sport Organising Crews starting to take on an active role within schools. Examples of some of the activities going on in the schools by our Ambassadors include: newsletters, pupil surveys, setting up Level 1 competitions, helping with sports days, setting up School Games notice boards, putting in place a sport suggestion box within their schools, writing sports reports, helping in extra-curricular clubs and in competitions, plus much more.

To celebrate the brilliant work that the children have done and continue to do this year, they all received a certificate, Young Ambassador cap, pin badge and wrist band. Well done to all the schools that took part in this programme and thank you to the teachers that came along to support the children.

A huge congratulations must also go to the Young Ambassadors from Saughall All Saints Primary School for winning a national prize for blogging on their School Games website. They won a massive kit bag which included stickers, bunting, medals, trophies and lots more which they will use in their School Games Day later this term. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, you just need to blog about any sports events / activities that you do at your school on your school page of the School Games website. www.yourschoolgames.com.



Key Steps Gymnastics Competitions

On Thursday 30th April Ron Bell and Ellesmere Port Gymnastics Club hosted the Year 3&4, and 5&6 Key Steps Gymnastics Competitions. This event is aimed at children who are new to gymnastics, where they had to each perform a floor and vault routine. This was the first time that many of the children have been to a gymnastics club, and the facilities at the Ellesmere Port Gym are fantastic. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience competing in such a professional club environment.

Nine schools attended the Year 3&4 event, with Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School being crowned the Chester Schools Champions (Pictured top). In 2nd place was Oldfield Primary School and in 3rd place was Mill View Primary School.

This is the first year that we have held a Year 5&6 event, and we were delighted that 4 schools took part in this competition. The winners this year were Oldfield Primary School (Pictured bottom). In 2nd place was Mill View Primary School and in 3rd place was Saighton CE Primary School.

Both schools will now go on to represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Summer School Games in July.

A special thank you must go to three pupils from The Chester Catholic High School: Megan Jenkins, Macy Parr and Georgia Lucas who were the judges in the Year 3&4 competition.

Thanks must also go to Ron Bell and EP Gymnastics Club for an excellent event.



National School Sport Week 22nd - 26th June.

Last year, around a million young people took part in the week, where thousands of schools across the country made a pledge to get more involved in physical activity, school sport and celebrate school achievement.

All schools who sign up this year will:

- Receive free resources, toolkits and ideas to help run an exciting sporting week that will inspire all your pupils.
- Have the chance to win visits from Olympic and Paralympic athletes!

Registration is now open, so make sure you sign up your school today.

<http://www.youthsporttrust.org/events-awards/events/national-school-sport-week.aspx>

Year 5&6 Tri-Golf and Year 7-9 Inclusive Tri-Golf Competitions

On Wednesday 20th May Helsby Golf Club hosted the Year 5&6 Tri Golf and Year 7-9 Inclusive Tri-Golf Competitions. In total 14 school teams were in attendance at the event. Many of the children were new to Tri-Golf but picked up the skills quickly. The teams rotated around 7 different tri-golf stations which involved either putting or driving skills.

In the 'A' team event, Christleton Primary School (pictured top) won the competition with a high score of 951 points. In second place was Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School with 507 points, and in third place was Delamere CE Academy (pictured bottom) with 465 points.

Christleton Primary School will now represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Summer School Games in July.

In the 'B' event, Saughton CE Primary School won with 450 points, in second place was Highfield Community Primary School with 447 points. In third place was Delamere CE Academy with 335 points.

In the Year 7-9 Inclusive competition, it was a close match with Dee Banks School beating Dorin Park School by 10 points to win with 151 points. Dee Banks School will also now represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Summer School Games in July.

Well done to all the children for taking part in the event.

Many thanks to Helsby Golf Club for hosting the competition and also to Judith Gilmour and the coaches from CEPD for helping to run the stations.



School Games Mark

The Sainsbury's 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. Schools in England are able to assess themselves across bronze, silver and gold levels of the Mark. All School Games registered schools are able to apply for the Mark.



The application window opens on Wednesday 3rd June and closes on Wednesday 30th September. Further information is available via the school dashboard, the customised content portal for all schools logged in to the website.

The supporting document which gives schools more detail on what evidence is required to support your application has now been released and is available on the School Games website. www.yourschoolgames.com

Why should our school apply?

- OfSTED use the Mark award as part of their inspection framework
- You can proudly display your certificate, pennant and plaque (Gold level only) at your school
- You can use it as a development tool to aid the PE teacher or Head teacher at your school
- You can add the logo to letterheads and email signatures to show your outstanding commitment to school sport.

There will be a workshop on Tuesday 16th June at Blacon High School from 3.30pm—4.30pm to help you to understand the criteria for the Mark Award and help you in the application process. Please book your place now.

KS4 Center Parcs National Badminton Finals—Sherwood Forest

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May the KS4 girls badminton team from Upton-by-Chester High School represented the North West at the National Finals at Center Parcs in Sherwood Forest. They have competed for the fifth year in succession at the finals of the Badminton, and for the 3rd year running they have been crowned national champions. Beth, Alex, Laura and Rachel deserve huge congratulations. Well done!



New ECB On Line Resource

The England & Wales Cricket Board have launched the 2015 Ashes Schools Challenge – this free interactive resource is designed to support teachers delivering lessons in Key Stage 2 & 3 through the inspiring summer of cricket with England playing Australia in the 2015 Investec Ashes Series.

Building on the success of the 2013 Ashes School Challenge and 2014 India & Sri Lanka Schools Challenge, which engaged with more than 2,500 primary schools, the new Ashes Schools Challenge is fully integrated with the UK National Curriculum for Key Stages 2 and 3.

As part of the free interactive programme, teachers will be able to access 15 bespoke lesson plans and activities which will use the rich cricketing history of both countries to help develop literacy skills, numeracy skills and a wider understanding of historic rivalry between England and Australia.

Former England captain and ECB's Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships, Mike Gatting, said: "The inaugural Ashes Schools Challenge in 2013 resulted in a superb response from thousands of schools across the country, and the launch of the new online Schools Challenge today provides another exciting opportunity for even more schools to get involved with this innovative classroom initiative.

"Both England and Australia are nations with rich cricketing traditions. Learning how the Ashes are interwoven with the history and culture of both countries will be fascinating for pupils and is a great way for them to develop literacy and numeracy skills – and we trust – a passion for cricket itself."

Working in partnership with Chance to Shine and MCC, in addition to being available online for anyone to access, the Ashes Schools Challenge will be adopted as part of the Chance to Shine educational programme in thousands of state schools across the country this summer.

<http://schoolschallenge.ecb.co.uk/>

Sainsbury's Level 4 School Games

Sainsbury's 2015 School Games tickets are now available!

Come and see the very best young sporting talent from across the UK compete in 12 sports, within nine International venues across Manchester on 3rd—5th September.

For a limited time tickets are exclusively available to all Sainsbury's School Games registered schools. Plus as a registered school you will receive an 80% discount on all tickets to just £1* each.

Tickets are available for all sports throughout the event and provide a fantastic opportunity for school groups to witness future sports stars first hand. Past athletes include Ellie Simmonds, Jonnie Peacock, Adam Gemili and Hannah Cockroft.

Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis and this is your school's chance to be part of something very special in 2015 and encourage all those budding athletes to be their very best.

*Normal ticket price is £5 and a discount code is required to obtain £1 tickets. A small booking fee is applied to all ticket orders. For more information please visit the Sainsbury's School Games website:

<http://www.2015schoolgames.com/tickets.php>

(All Registered schools will have received by e-mail the discount code to use to book tickets. If you do not have it, please contact Claire or Elizabeth).

Change 4 Life: A Case Study.



Primary Change 4 Life Sports Club Saughall All Saints CE Primary School

The school did not receive a C4L equipment bag, but run a club which meets the aims of a C4L Club.

Day and time of the week: Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm.

What theme does the C4L club have? – The club started in September 2014 as a Cheerleading Club for girls in KS2. From January 2015, the club has evolved to include a song and dance element to it.

Year Group of the children who attend the C4L club? – Girls in years 4-6.

Average number of children who attend the club each time? – 16.

Who is the club deliverer and what role do they have? – Jenny Palmer (Year 2 Teacher).

How many sessions / weeks does the club run for? – The girls have to sign up for the whole term.

How have you targeted the group? – Two of the girls play netball, the others do not normally attend sports clubs. The children were not specifically targeted to take part in the club, the club's theme and activities attracted the girls to it.

Have you included any other activities? – The girls sing and dance to popular music.

Have you seen a change in the children? – Two of the girls were chosen to attend the Playground Leaders course and they now run KS1 activities in the playground. For non-sporty children to take on this role is exceptional.

Has the club made a difference to you? – The group performed at the opening ceremony (pictured below) of the athletics at the Level 3 School Games in Chester in March 2015. Some of these children are unlikely to experience a Level 3 competition as a competitor, so this was a great opportunity for them.

Is there anything that you would do differently? – The school are considering at some stage in the future of using the C4L promotion materials and following the C4L themes.

Contact details should any other school wish to contact you about your Change 4 Life Club: Gemma Cook. Deputy Headteacher at Saughall All Saints Primary School.



May

Primary Schools

Secondary Schools

Primary & Secondary Schools

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| | | | | 1 |
| 4 Bank Holiday | 5 | 6 CPD—Primary Teachers Tennis Course | 7 CPD—Linking PE with Maths Course | 8 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 18 CPD—PE Subject Leaders Course | 19 | 20 Year 5&6 Tri Golf Competition & Yr 7-9 Inclusive Competition. | 21 | 22 |
| 25 Half term | 26 Half term | 27 Half term | 28 Half term | 29 Half term |

June

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Year 5&6, 7 Quad Kids Athletics | 5 |
| 8 CPD— Inclusive PE Course | 9 | 10 Year 5&6 'A' Kwik Cricket Competition | 11 Year 5&6 'B' Kwik Cricket and Girls Cricket Competition | 12 |
| 15 | 16 School Games Mark Workshop | 17 Year 3&4 Mini Red Tennis Competition | 18 | 19 |
| 22 | 23 CPD - Start to Move Course | 24 | 25 Year 4-7 Orienteering Competition | 26 |
| 29 CPD—Gymnastics Course | 30 | | | |

July

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| 6 | 7 | 8 Cheshire & Warrington Summer School Games | 9 | 10 |
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'Providing opportunities for every young person to shine'

Cheshire & Warrington Summer School Games

Events in the Summer School Games are:

- Year 3&4, 5&6 Key Steps Gymnastics
- Year 5&6, 7 Orienteering
- Year 5&6 Tri Golf
- Inclusive Tri Golf
- Year 5&6 Quad Kids Athletics
- Year 7 Quad Kids Athletics
- Year 3&4 Mini Red Tennis
- Year 9 Rounders
- Year 7/8 Tennis
- Year 7/8 Goalball
- Year 7/8 Table Tennis



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