



# Newsletter



July 2022

Welcome to the last edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter for this academic year. Wow what a year it has been. We have run 22 competitions / festivals involving over 2,000 participants, the gifted and talented session at Rage Fitness, the Top Up Swimming programme, Playground leaders training, CPD sessions, 60 Active Minutes training, the Girls Football Partnership programme and the Euros Fun Festival. We can't forget the Winter and Summer School Games county finals, the Cheshire Cricket finals plus the PE Consortium activities for special schools. Then of course our Sports Awards ceremony at Blacon High School.

We wouldn't be able to have done any of this without the support from all the teachers in the schools, so thank you so very much for working so passionately and helping us to provide opportunities for the children to be active and take part in physical activity and sport. We are so very lucky in the Chester area to have such a dedicated group of schools to work with, we really do enjoy what we do because of you and the children.

The leaders who have helped us with our events have been amazing and a credit to your schools, so thank you to Blacon High School and Upton High School for allowing us to use your leaders at our events. Thank you to Judith Gilmour and the coaches from CEPD who have been so very professional at our events with the refereeing / umpiring of the matches.

The School Games Mark application window is still open and closes on the 27th July. To gain the bronze award, there are just 5 questions to answer, so even if you don't intend on doing the full application, bronze will literally take you less than 5 minutes to complete. Please do contact us if you need any assistance.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break over the summer, and for the PE leads who are leaving your roles this term, we wish you all the very best and thank you for all you have done in your schools.

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## PE and Sport Premium funding

**We are delighted to share with you that the Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that the Primary PE and Sport premium funding will continue at £320 million for the 2022-2023 academic year.** The funding is a ring-fenced grant for English primary schools to provide additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE, sport and physical activity delivered in schools.

£320 million will be delivered to schools in 2022/23 to give more children access to high quality PE lessons and sporting opportunities, supporting both their physical and mental wellbeing.

[PE and sport premium for primary schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## Year 5&6 Dynamos Cricket

On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th June Christleton Cricket Club hosted the Dynamos Cricket competitions. This event has replaced the Kwik Cricket event that we previously ran with only a slight difference in the format and a new scoring system. With the odd shower forecast, we persevered and had three brilliant events. The first event was the mixed B competition with Waverton finishing in first place and Mickle Trafford second.

The next event was the Girls competition. Five schools took part with Christleton finishing in first place and Saughall second.

The second day of cricket had 9 schools playing in the mixed A competition. Christleton came in 1st place, Tarvin 2nd and Waverton in 3rd place.

This was a very close and tense three way final where anyone could have been the winner. Well done to all the teams who took part.

Thank you to Andrew Jackson from Cheshire Cricket for helping to run the events, the amazing coaches from CEPD for umpiring and to Christleton Cricket Club for the use of their facilities.





## Year 5&6 Quad Kids Athletics

We held the Year 5&6 Quad Kids Athletics at Upton High School on Wednesday 15th June. This event was for children who had not represented the school this year in any sporting events and for the least active children. We had four schools take part in the event on the day in the lovely sunshine.

The children all took part in the 75m sprint, the 600m run, vortex howler throw and the standing long jump. It was fantastic to watch the children enjoying themselves with their friends.



The event was won by Cherry Grove Primary School, followed by Mickle Trafford in second place. Well done to all the children for taking part!

Thank you to Upton High School for the use of their field and to Judith Gilmour and the coaches.

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## Girls Euros Fun Day

On Tuesday 21st June the Girls Football Partnerships Euros Football Fun Day was held at Moss Farm in Hartford. The schools from Chester who attended were St Clare's, Waverton and St Werburgh's.

The girls took part in fun activities such as football skills, an inflatable target, human table football, mini whistlers training and even face painting. Former England footballer Sue Smith was there at the event and took the time to have photographs and chat to the girls.

We had seven leaders from Blacon High School helping at the event, and it was wonderful to see them coaching the younger girls and being excellent role models.

It was a fantastic event on a sunny day with all the girls having lots of fun.





## Sports Awards

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and to those who won an award at the annual Chester SSP Sports Awards evening on Thursday 30th June at Blacon High School. We had Paralympic gold medal cyclist Megan Giglia at our event who gave an inspirational presentation and speech about her journey to becoming a Paralympian. It was a remarkable story of a very determined and talented lady. Check out her story here: [https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/gbcyclingteam/new/bio/Megan\\_Giglia](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/gbcyclingteam/new/bio/Megan_Giglia)

The winners for each category are below:

Male Primary Sport Performer of the Year	Archie Sabri	Highfield Community Primary School
Female Primary Sports Performer of the Year	Scarlet Mooney	JH Godwin Primary School
Male Secondary Sports Performer of the Year	Charles Gallacher	Bishop Heber High School
Female Secondary Sports Performer of the Year	Jess Parkinson	The Kings School
Primary Sports Team of the Year	Girls Football Team	St Martins Academy
Primary Sports Team of the Year	Year 6 Boys Football Team	Upton Heath Primary School
Secondary Sports Team of the Year	U14 Boys Hockey Team	The Kings School
Secondary Sports Team of the Year	U16 Girls Netball Team	Upton-by-Chester High School
SEN Club/Team of the Year	Table Cricket Team	Bishop Heber High School
Promoting Physical Activity and Wellbeing Award	The Running Club	Dee Point Primary School

It was just phenomenal the amount of talent that we had in the room at our awards evening. We had district champions, county champions, regional champions and international players/athletes—one of the teachers at the event said how emotional and proud she was to be at the event to support her team. We are genuinely so very proud of all the winners and those who were nominated, we have some very talented young people in our area which should be celebrated.

Thank you to everyone who nominated teams and individuals for the awards evening and to everyone who came along on the night.

Thank you to Blacon High School who hosted the evening.





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## Cheshire & Warrington Summer School Games

On Wednesday 6th July we had our Cheshire & Warrington Summer School Games County Finals at Ellesmere Port Sports Village and Hoole Tennis Club at Mickle Trafford.

Representing Chester we had:

Year 5&6 Quad Kids Athletics—Mill View Primary School

Year 5&6 Tri-Golf—Oldfield Primary School

Year 3&4 Tri-Golf—Hoole Primary School

Inclusive Golf—Tarvin Primary School 1st place & Spirit of the Games Award

Year 3&4 Tennis—Mickle Trafford Primary School

Inclusive Tennis—Tarvin Primary School - 1st place & Spirit of the Games Award

Year 3&4 Gymnastics Team Event—Oldfield Primary School—Spirit of the Games Award

Year 3&4 Gymnastics Individual Event— St Werburgh's & Columba's Primary School

Year 5&6 Gymnastics Team Event—St Werburgh's & Columba's Primary School

Year 5&6 Gymnastics Individual Events—Oldfield Primary School





## School Games





## County Cricket Finals

Congratulations to Christleton and Saughall All Saints Primary Schools for representing Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Dynamos cricket county girls Year 5&6 final at Warrington Sports club on the 12th July. The Christleton girls finished in second place in their group. The Saughall girls grew in confidence and skills, and were commended on their spirit of the games attitudes, well done!

In the mixed year 5&6 competition representing Chester we had Christleton Primary School and Tarvin Primary School taking part the following day on the 13th July. The Christleton boys finished in second place in their group.



## Cheshire Cricket Holiday Camps

Bookings are now LIVE for the Cheshire Cricket Board Summer Holiday Programme. Summer Courses cater for girls and boys from years 3-8 of all abilities and run for six weeks throughout July and August.

- Fun-filled week of games-based learning, skill acquisition and competition
- Priced £125 for the five-day courses, and £100 for the four-day courses
- 9.00am start and 4.00pm finish

There are a number of courses running in the local Chester area this summer, including:

**[Chester Boughton Hall](#) - Monday 8th- Friday 12th August**

**[Girls Only Chester Boughton Hall](#) - Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th August**

Please look at the website for more information- <https://www.cheshirecricketboard.co.uk/cricket-courses/children-courses/>



## Dorin Park School celebrating more success



Congratulations to Dorin Park School who were runners up in the table cricket event at Clare Mount School on the Wirral.



In the special schools event in the Dynamos Cricket we had Dorin Park School representing Chester, where they came in a fabulous second place.



Dee Banks School hosted the Panathlon swimming gala where Dorin Park came in second place.

Well done to all the children involved!

## SSP PE and Sport Package

We have sent out the SSP Member Schools Package to all the primary schools in preparation for next academic year.

If you want to be a Member primary school next year, please can you complete and return the School Agreement Form.

We are offering the same package as last year.

If you have any queries, please contact Claire Smedley.

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Thank you.





## School Games Mark

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.

Congratulations to the following schools on your School Games Mark award this year!

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School  
Blacon High School  
The Firs School  
Dee Banks School  
St Martins Academy  
Tattenhall Park Primary School  
Bishop Heber High School  
JH Godwin Primary School  
Chester Blue Coat Primary School  
Hoole Church of England Primary School  
St Clare's Catholic Primary School  
Hoole Primary School  
Tushingham Primary School  
Dorin Park School  
Bunbury Aldersey Primary School  
Mickle Trafford Primary School  
Upton Heath Primary School  
Acresfield Academy  
St Werburgh's & Columba's Catholic Primary School  
Saughall All Saints Primary School—**Platinum**  
Highfield Community Primary School—**Platinum**  
Waverton Community Primary School—**Platinum**  
The Firs School—**Platinum**



The School Games Mark for the 2021/22 academic year closes on **Wednesday 27 July 2022**.

School Games registered schools are eligible to apply once a year during an application window, and are graded against set criteria. The School Games Mark is a retrospective award and all answers submitted should consider the current academic year, i.e. the current term and the two previous terms.

Applications are made via a short form available to all registered schools through their online dashboards. If you are already registered please click the 'Log in' button at the top of the page to get started.

If you're not registered or need any help in applying, please do contact us.

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



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

**We hope that everyone has a lovely Summer break,  
thank you to everyone for your support and for providing  
opportunities for all the children to take part in PE,  
physical activity and sport.**

