



Chester SSP



Newsletter



October 2022

Welcome to our first edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter for this academic year.

Please visit our website <https://www.chesterssp.co.uk> if you wish to enter any primary school competitions and events this year.

Congratulations to all the schools who achieved a School Games Mark Award in 2021-2022. Your pennants will be distributed to you over the coming weeks if you have not received it already. In line with the new Green Eco Spirit of the Games value, the pennants are to be retained, with a new award badge pinned to the pennant each year.

Thank you to all the teachers who attended the Teach Active training on Monday 3rd October. Physically Active Learning and Active Lessons is seen as one of the most impactful initiatives schools can look to introduce in supporting the active schools agenda – in particular focusing on how incorporating physical activity into Maths and English lessons is a powerful way to increase physical activity, whilst also improving standards in these core subjects. If any schools wish to learn more about Teach Active, please do contact us.

If you have any new PE subject leads in your school, or you have changed roles, please do let us know so that we can update our distribution lists. Thank you to all the teachers who attended the twilight training session on Thursday 13th October for PE Co-Ordinators. It was great to share with others what you have been doing in your schools and for you to learn about the National School Games programme, and what the SSP and CEPD do. If you are new to the role or need some more help, we are more than happy to come to your school and help you, please do contact us.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to next half term.

School Games Mark 2023

The criteria for the 2022/23 School Games Mark is now available on the School Games website to help you plan your application in the lead-up to the window opening on 03 May 2023.

We recommend schools familiarise themselves with the criteria as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to prepare an action plan and collate evidence, ready to have to hand for when the application window opens.

Participating in the School Games Mark process is an excellent opportunity for schools to evaluate their PE provision whilst also assisting them in developing an action plan for future progress.

We will be holding the application workshop in the summer term, however if any schools wish to arrange a meeting with us to help plan for the School Games Mark, then please do contact us.

Our School Games Survey—Koboca

The autumn term is a great time of year to survey the children to find out a little bit more about how they get to school, what sports they like to play, are they in a community club etc.

Across Cheshire and Warrington we have designed a survey for school children to answer these questions. Split into key stages, the questions are child friendly, age appropriate and easy to complete.

As a school you will be able to immediately see the results which can help you to plan for the year ahead. Only your school will be able to see the names of the children.

At high school you can easily send out a link to the survey as homework for the children.

By using the survey you are able to gain valuable evidence for the School Games Mark such as tracking the 30mins of activity within and outside of school for the recommended 60 Active Minutes. You are also able to find out which of your children are inactive and what sports they want to take part in. This will help you to engage your least active children.

Schools need to register on the Koboca website and select Chester School Sport Partnership as your area. There is no need for you to purchase a license for the website as we have done so for all our schools.

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/>

If you need any assistance, please do contact us.

The screenshot shows the Koboca website interface. At the top left is the Koboca logo, which consists of the word 'KOBACA' in green with an orange fruit icon above the 'O'. To the right of the logo, it says 'You are logged in as' followed by a green button labeled 'Koboca'. Below this is a dark navigation bar with white text links: 'Home', 'My Active Partnership', 'My Schools', 'My Surveys', 'My Competitions', 'My Survey Reports', and 'My Compet'. The main content area is titled 'My Surveys' and includes an 'Add New Survey:' section with two orange buttons labeled 'Surveys' and 'Tests'. Below this is a 'Select a year:' section with a text input field containing '2022 - 23'. At the bottom of this section is a heading for 'County Surveys'.

County Surveys

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KS2 School Games Survey	13th Sep 2022 15:17	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Test Download Logins Duplicate Close </div> <div> Edit </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> View Reports Delete </div>
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National Surveys

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Supporting Students From Ukraine

It is anticipated that over 100,000 Ukrainian children will be attending schools in the UK. As children from Ukraine start to join your school, they may have experienced trauma from leaving home behind, and the journey that followed. These children have a challenging transition facing them and teachers have a critical role in helping develop a child's sense of place and belonging, along with identifying and providing the right support where needed.

The Youth Sport Trust have identified the top ten most popular sports played in Ukraine and designed activity cards that can be used to play these sports. For each sport, there is a key fact that may be helpful in discussing the sport with your pupils, and then suggested activities. They can be translated into Ukrainian and Russian by using the toolbar at the top of the page on the website link below.

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/non-hidden-pages/supporting-students-from-ukraine-in-school-sport-and-pe>

The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile have announced their free Commonwealth Games Legacy resources. These resources are cross-curricular with support from the DfE and are aimed at primary schools and nurseries.

Resources are based around a global map, where children are tasked with running, jogging, wheeling, or walking the Commonwealth Games to its next location (Australia). There are printable versions and online editable versions that can be displayed on interactive whiteboards.

Schools already signed up to The Daily Mile will have had a link to the resources on **05 September** from The Daily Mile Foundation. Unregistered schools can **register** at any time, after which they will be sent the resources by email and will continue to receive resources throughout the first term.

[Join The Movement](#) | [The Daily Mile UK](#)

Teach Active

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for you to have a GB Athlete in your school for the day!

Social enterprise 'Sports For Schools' and the UK's leading active learning platform 'Teach Active' have teamed up to work with schools to provide an exciting, motivational and sustainable active learning legacy day for your school.

If you would like your school to be involved then simply click the link below and fill in your details remembering to add Claire Smedley as the SGO name.

<https://sportsforschools.org/active-learning-legacy-day/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Touch Rugby

On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October Chester Rugby Club hosted the year 3&4, and 5&6 touch rugby festivals. We had 21 school teams participate in the event involving over 200 children. It was fantastic to see the children grow in confidence as the games progressed.

Thank you to the coaches from CEPD for refereeing the matches and also to Chester Rugby Club for hosting the events.



West Cheshire Athletics Club—Cross Country Races

West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2022/23

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9am for First Race (Starting at 10am).

Dates of Fixtures: Saturday, October 8

Saturday, November 5

Saturday, November 19

Saturday, December 10

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups: Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round.

Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.

Tel: 07968 643038. Email: dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com

West Cheshire Athletic Club will be providing **Sportshall Athletics training** in the Under 11s, Under 13s, and Under 15s age groups on Wednesday nights during the winter months.

Sportshall Athletics training will take place between 7pm until 8pm at Cheshire County Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, CH2 1PR. Training sessions will cost £2 to cover hire charge.

If you would like to take part or want more information please contact Dennis Wall at: dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com



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Primary Membership

If any primary or special schools wish to become a Member School of Chester School Sport Partnership and has not done so already, please can you return your agreement form to Claire Smedley at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.