



# Newsletter



December 2024

Welcome to our Christmas edition of the Chester School Sport Partnership newsletter.

We have had a busy term with over 1500 children attending our sports competitions / events. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who have come along to our events and helped with your teams.

If you have not yet had the chance to look at the Koboca website and survey your children, please do so. The information that your school will be able to view will be extremely useful and helpful for your school, as well as for when you complete the School Games Mark. Please contact us if you need any help. <https://www.koboca.co.uk/login/>

Our first events in January are the Sportshall Athletics competitions, so please do book onto these now if you have not yet done so, visit our website for all the Spring term events <https://www.chesterssp.co.uk>

We hope that you have a lovely well deserved break over the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the Spring term.

# Merry Christmas

## School Games Mark

Thank you to all the schools who submitted their School Games Mark Award for 2023-2024.

A special mention and apologies must go to Grosvenor Park Academy who we missed off the list in the previous newsletter.

In the first time in applying for the award they achieved the Gold standard, and have already asked when they can go for Platinum!

Well done for your award and thank you for all you do for the children in providing sporting and physical activity opportunities.



## Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey

On Thursday 17th October we held our Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey competition at Upton High School.

We had 17 school teams taking part in the event and 98 children. The standard of hockey on display was very good!.



Hoole Primary School won the event, with Boughton Heath Primary coming in a fabulous second place. Both teams will represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington County Final in March.

We wish both teams the best of luck.

Thank you to the amazing leaders from Upton High School who helped to run the event.

Also to the coaches from CEPD for refereeing the matches.

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## Year 1&2 Multi Skills Festivals.

On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November we had our year 1&2 Multi Skills Festivals at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Here the children rotated around six stations involving throwing, catching, balancing, jumping and hand / eye co-ordination. The event involved 31 different school groups and over 800 children. It is such a lovely event to see all the KS1 children enjoying what for some of them is their first sports event outside of school. Thank you to all the school staff for helping the children on their activity stations. These stations are easily replicated in a school setting.

Thank you also to the brilliant coaches from CEPD for helping at the event.





## SEND Table Cricket Festival

On Wednesday 6th November we held our first Table Cricket competition at Blacon High School. This was run by Owen Williamson from Cheshire Cricket. We had 3 primary schools and 18 children come and try the event, and they all had a brilliant time. Thank you to Blacon for hosting the event and to Owen for a great festival. Well done to all the children involved, it was a fabulous event.



## Year 5&6 Basketball

On Thursday 28th November we held the Year 5&6 Basketball competition at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Fifteen schools entered the event, with 4 pools of competitions taking place at the same time. Winners of the pools and progressing to the semi finals were Mickle Trafford, Eaton, St Oswalds and St Werburghs. We had some pretty close games with Mickle Trafford and St Oswalds having a fantastic final. The winner and the team going on to represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington county finals is St Oswalds. Well done to all the children taking part, there were some high quality players in the school teams.

Thank you to the parents and teachers for supporting the event. Thank you also to the coaches from CEPD for refereeing the matches.

Good luck to St Oswalds in the county final in March.



## Bronze Sports Ambassadors

On Thursday 21st November at Hoole Tennis Club, we ran the primary school Sports Ambassador training. Here the children learnt about the role of a Sports Ambassador and what they can do back in their schools.

They were tasked with setting up a School Sport Organising Crew, organising a level 1 intra school competition and also helping with the sports notice board.

Many were new to the role and it was good for some of the year 6 children to share their experiences and knowledge with the year 5 children on what they currently do in their role at their school.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who brought the children to the event, and to Hoole Tennis Club for use of the facilities.

We also went to Dorin Park School and ran a Sports Ambassador session there for 7 pupils. We trained the group of Ambassadors who are in years 10 and 11. They have received their Gold Sports Ambassador badges and we look forward to hearing how they get on this year.

If you need any help with your Sports Ambassadors, please do contact us.



## Koboca Health & Wellbeing Survey

Thank you to all the schools who completed the Koboca Health and Wellbeing Survey in the autumn term. If you need help in analysing the results, please do let us know and we can come and sit with you to see how useful the information can be when filtered. There are many filters to use when looking at the results:

You can find out which children are the least active, and what sports they want to take part in.

You can see who wants to take part in sports teams but has never had the chance to.

Who wants to be a sports leader.

You can see which are the most popular sports that the children want to do.

You can also see which children need a little bit more support emotionally and feel unhappy.

Plus many more.

It is not too late to complete the survey, we have paid for a licence for all schools until the end of the academic year. So please do have a look at doing this it produces some great results for Ofsted too.

Please do contact us if you need any help. <https://www.koboca.co.uk/login/>

## School Games Mark Criteria

The criteria for the 2024/25 School Games Mark is now available to help you plan your application in the lead-up to this year's window.

The application window will be open from **Wednesday 30 April - Friday 30 July 2025**.

Schools should familiarise themselves with the criteria as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to prepare an action plan and collect evidence throughout the year, ready for 30 April 2025.

If you need any help with the School Games Mark, please do contact us.

[https://media.yourschoolgames.com/documents/School\\_Games\\_Mark\\_2024-25\\_FINAL.pdf](https://media.yourschoolgames.com/documents/School_Games_Mark_2024-25_FINAL.pdf)





## PE Premium

Into its eleventh year, the Primary PE and Sport Premium supports schools to ensure equal access, support all pupils to be active for 60 minutes a day and ensure the delivery of two hours of quality PE for all pupils.

**Premium funding should be used to achieve at least one of the following:**

- Making additional and sustainable improvements to the PE, sport and physical activity they provide
- Providing or improving equal access to sport for boys and girls
- Ensuring teachers have relevant skills and knowledge to confidently teach PE in a structured way, prioritising continued professional development and training where needed.

You can read the full guidance, including examples of how to and how not to spend your premium, on the [DfE website](#).

School governor's play a crucial role in ensuring accountability and effective use of the funding specific to the context of their school. The Department for Education (DfE) and the Local Government Association (LGA), have created a monitoring tool which sets out areas of focus for governing boards evaluating PE and sport premium spending decisions. You can [find it here](#).

The digital reporting form replaces the old reporting template, but to help schools plan and monitor the impact of the premium, the Youth Sport Trust have created a document to support your planning throughout the year. Please see the link below to download your form.

[Primary PE & Sport Premium - Youth Sport Trust](#)

## Biggest Ever Football Session - BEFS



**SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED!**

## Barclays Girls Football Schools Programme

### Primary Programmes:

**Shooting Stars** - is now being positioned as a fundamental movement skills, physical activity intervention for KS1 and inactive KS2 girls. This programme should be used as a tool for boosting physical literacy with the aim of preparing girls to play football in the future.

**Shooting Stars SEND** - is a programme that has been designed for schools to inspire young people with SEND to engage in their active minutes through football. The programme provides a suite of resource cards that include ready-made session plans which include fun, inclusive activities for pupils encouraging the development of their fundamental movement skills. The resource cards have been created with the aim of specifically engaging more young people with SEND in physical activity and football.

### Secondary Programmes:

**Barclays GO Teach** - is designed to support secondary school teachers to engage girls in curriculum physical education through a life skills approach, using football as the vehicle.

**Barclays GO Lead** - is the flagship KS3 offer for girls' football. The structure of the overall programme involves three workshops based on advocating, delivering and officiating. The aim of this programme is to give girls the opportunity to experience a variety of footballing roles both on and off the pitch.

***For more information on the above FREE programmes [www.girlsfootballinschools.org](http://www.girlsfootballinschools.org)***

### Biggest Ever Football Session:

Join us on **Friday 7 March 2025** for the Biggest Ever Football Session!

Be part of a fun day of celebration that will inspire and empower the next generation through girls' football in schools. Why should your school get involved?

- **Inspiration & Empowerment:** This is a great way to celebrate International Women's Day. Your school will be part of a nationwide celebration, highlighting the importance of inclusivity in sports, showing pupils in your school that girls belong in football.
- **Develop Young Leaders:** This event offers a fantastic opportunity for students to take charge in organising and running the day, building essential leadership skills.
- **Flexibility to Suit You:** Whether it's before school, lunchtime, or after school, you choose the time that works best for you. We want to make it easy for everyone to participate!

**Register your school at [www.girlsfootballinschools.org](http://www.girlsfootballinschools.org)**

## Bee Netball from England Netball

Bee Netball is for all primary aged children in both key stage 1 & key stage 2. It helps children enjoy being active whilst both learning and playing the game.

Bee proactively supports the social development of children and our 'Beeliefs' enables key skills and character traits to be at the forefront of activity, whilst learning the skills of the game.

Any primary school can deliver Bee within the curriculum and/or as part of the wider school programme. Bee is the ultimate team sport and has many benefits to your school's pupils.

Bee Netball can also be held as a lunch or after school activity for children keen to be with their friends, practice their skills and super charge their team work. We have simplified rules for [Year 3 & 4 here](#) and [Year 5 & 6 here](#).

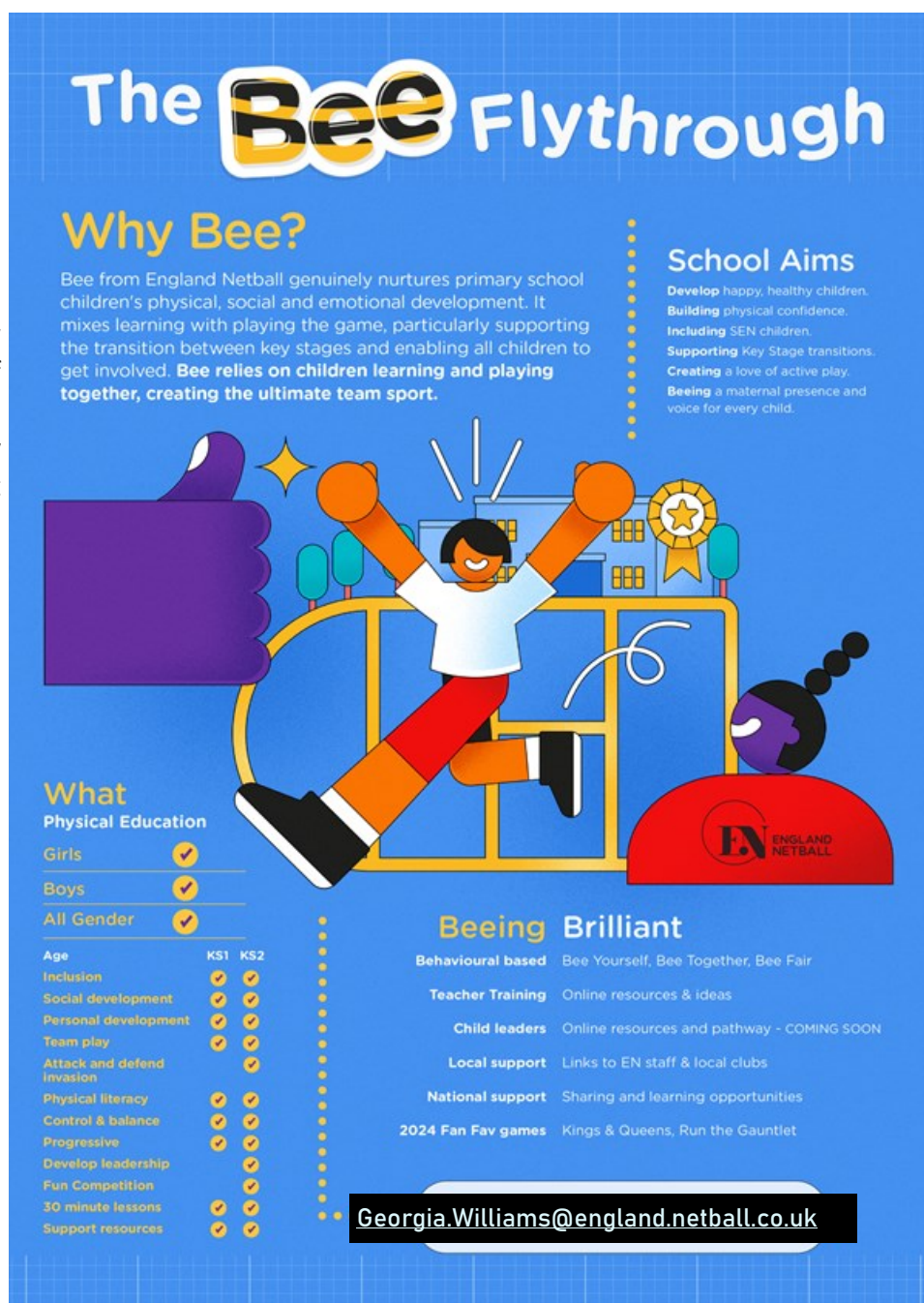
We know lots of school playgrounds already have netball lines marked on them, but if your school doesn't have lines or hasn't got netball posts just yet, it doesn't mean your pupils can't enjoy Bee Netball.

What makes Bee, particularly special is at the heart of everything are the 'Beeliefs'. These can be used within any Bee activity at your school, but also across your whole school if you think they will help.

Below is a bank of resources for teachers. We will add to this bank as the year goes on so check back each term for any new resources.

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/play/bee-netball/>

We've worked with Youth Sport Trust, School Games Organisers, Teachers and young people to design them and you can download and deliver today!

The poster is titled 'The Bee Flythrough' in a large, stylized font. Below the title is the section 'Why Bee?' which states that Bee from England Netball nurtures primary school children's physical, social, and emotional development. It mixes learning with playing the game, supporting the transition between key stages and enabling all children to get involved. A key message is 'Bee relies on children learning and playing together, creating the ultimate team sport.' To the right of this is a list of 'School Aims' including developing happy, healthy children; building physical confidence; including SEN children; supporting key stage transitions; creating a love of active play; and being a maternal presence and voice for every child. The central illustration shows a child in a white shirt and red pants jumping over a yellow netball goal. A large purple hand is giving a thumbs up, and a bee is shown near the goal. At the bottom left, a table titled 'What' lists various activities and their availability for KS1 and KS2. At the bottom right, a section titled 'Beeing Brilliant' lists resources for behavioural based, teacher training, child leaders, local support, national support, and 2024 fan fav games. The contact email Georgia.Williams@england.netball.co.uk is at the bottom.

### The Bee Flythrough

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#### School Aims

- Develop happy, healthy children.
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#### What

	KS1	KS2
Physical Education		
Girls	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓
All Gender	✓	✓
Age		
Inclusion	✓	✓
Social development	✓	✓
Personal development	✓	✓
Team play	✓	✓
Attack and defend	✓	✓
Invasion	✓	✓
Physical literacy	✓	✓
Control & balance	✓	✓
Progressive	✓	✓
Develop leadership	✓	✓
Fun Competition	✓	✓
30 minute lessons	✓	✓
Support resources	✓	✓

#### Beeing Brilliant

Behavioural based	Bee Yourself, Bee Together, Bee Fair
Teacher Training	Online resources & ideas
Child leaders	Online resources and pathway - COMING SOON
Local support	Links to EN staff & local clubs
National support	Sharing and learning opportunities
2024 Fan Fav games	Kings & Queens, Run the Gauntlet

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

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