



Newsletter



April 2025

Welcome to our April newsletter. This term seems to have flown by, with our sportshall athletics, netball, Girls Biggest Ever Football session and KS1 cricket.

Throughout March we have had the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games county finals where we have done extremely well. Congratulations and thank you to all the schools who have represented Chester at the county finals. We are extremely proud of you all.

If you have any time before Easter—please have a look at the Inclusive Health Check on your School Games dashboard. By completing this now, it will save you a lot of time in the summer when you come to apply for your School Games Mark.

The School Games Mark window will open on 30th April, so please do contact us if you need any help with your application.

If you would like staff CPD on 60 Active Minutes or Physical Literacy training, please do contact us and we can arrange to come and visit your school.

Thank you for all your support this term and we look forward to the summer events starting after the Easter holidays.

Please do remember to book onto our events on the website:

<https://www.chesterssp.co.uk/competitions/>

We hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Koboca Health & Well-being Survey

The health and well being survey on the koboca website is a fantastic tool to help your to understand the children in your school. By analysing your results you will be able to see the children's activity levels, what sports they want to do, whether they belong to any community clubs, swimming abilities and much more.

To all schools that have done it, we are happy to come and show you how to analyse your school data to help your school. The data is very helpful to use as evidence for your School Games Mark award too!

If you have not completed the survey yet this year, there is still plenty of time. We can come and show you how to complete the survey, it can even be done as a homework activity for the children.

Please do contact us if you want to know more or need any help.

Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

On Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January 385 pupils from 21 schools took part in the Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics events at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Here teams of twenty children took part in a variety of track and field events.

We had three events over the course of the two days, with the following winning schools at each event:

Mickle Trafford

Saughall All Saints

Huntington

Congratulations to the three schools above on winning your events!



After the final event, all the scores from every school were inputted into a central spreadsheet to calculate the overall scores.

Overall 1st Saughall All Saints, 2nd Highfield, 3rd St Martins.

Well done to Saughall All Saints on winning the overall competition and progressing to the county final in Ellesmere Port.

Girls Biggest Ever Football Session



On Thursday 6th March 13 primary schools attended the 'Biggest Ever Football Session'. This is a national event which aims to encourage more girls to get involved in football. This could be through playing, organising, leading or refereeing.

The event was in partnership with Chester City Football Club and took place at Chester City Stadium. The girls completed a series of skill based stations followed by some small sided games. They were all also lucky enough to get a tour of the stadium changing rooms and took part in a questions and answers session.

The event was a huge success and all the girls received a free ticket to watch Chester City play at the weekend.

Year 3&4, 5&6 Netball

On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February we held the year 3&4 High 5 Netball festival and the year 5&6 7-side netball at Blacon High School.

The year 3&4 festival was the chance for children to learn how to play netball in friendly non-competitive games. Some of the children had not played netball before, so it was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn the sport.

The year 5&6 netball competition was the first time that we have played 7 aside for this age group. This was a pathway event for the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games.

In total we had 211 participants from 27 school teams taking part in the event, which is outstanding. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for supporting the children, they had an amazing time.

Congratulations to The Queens School who won the final and qualified for the county final.

Well done to the amazing leaders from Blacon High School and The Queens School for umpiring the matches.

Thank you to Georgia Williams from England Netball for coming to support the event and Blacon High School for hosting us.



KS1 Cricket

On Thursday 2nd April we held the KS1 cricket festival at Upton High School. Ten teams involving 101 pupils enjoyed learning cricket skills of throwing, striking, balancing and catching in the glorious sunshine. Tom from Cheshire Cricket Board was there to help the children and to signpost them to the All Stars cricket programme.

Seventeen amazing leaders from Upton High School years 9 and 10 ran the activity stations and were an excellent role model for the children.

Thank you to Upton High School for hosting the event and for the fantastic leaders.



Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games County Finals

Well done to all the teams who represented Chester at the county finals during March. Thank you to all the teachers who have ran extra training sessions and supported their teams at the finals. We are very proud of you all.

County Finals Results.

Monday 10th March– U12 & U14 girls Football in Warrington.

U12 girls The Kings School—6th.

U14 girls Upton High School—3rd.

Wednesday 12th March - Year 5&6 Hockey at Alderley Edge.

Hoole Primary School— 12th

Boughton Heath Academy—6th

Thursday 13th March - Year 5&6 Netball at Macclesfield. **The Queens School—3rd.**

Friday 14th March – U16 girls Football in Warrington. **Bishop Heber High School—1st.**

Monday 17th March – Primary and Secondary Sportshall Athletics in Ellesmere Port.

Primary Large schools—Saughall All Saints—5th.

Small schools—St Oswalds - 2nd.

Year 7 girls—The Kings School - 1st.

Year 7 boys—The Kings School - 1st.

Year 8 girls—Upton High—2nd.

Year 8 boys— Bishop Heber—1st.

Thursday 20th March – Year 5&6 Basketball in Rudheath. **St Oswald's Primary School—1st.**

Friday 21st March – Primary and Secondary New Age Kurling in Warrington.

Hoole Primary School –2nd



Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games County Finals



Regional and National Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Finals

Following our successful Ten Pin Bowling event held in the autumn term, our Chester winners went on to represent us at the Regional and National finals.

The team from Saughall All Saints Primary School did us proud...

The children represented school brilliantly, they met a Paralympian and won Gold in the Regional Competition; and Silver in The National Finals!

Absolutely amazing, well done and thank you to the teachers for supporting the event.



Dynamos Cricket

Chester County Officers Cricket Club will be delivering Dynamo's Cricket every Monday from 6-7pm, commencing on Monday 19th May to 14th July (8 Sessions in total excluding the Bank Holiday Monday).

They will also be hosting a Taster event a week before on Monday 12th May from 6-7pm.

It's a fantastic introduction to the sport for those new to the game and the next step for All Star graduates.

For any enquires or to register your interest contact Rhys Thomas (rhysmarthomas@yahoo.com)



CPD—LTA Youth Schools

LTA Youth Schools is a free programme for all schools. Designed specifically for schools to support the curriculum and wider school outcomes, it brings together inclusive PE lesson plans, personal development resources, teacher training and much more. Complete training to unlock:

- **A £250 voucher*** for your school to spend on tennis equipment or 10 hours of team teaching with an LTA Accredited Coach
- **A Primary Pack** featuring some fantastic **printed resources** to support teaching and learning PLUS money-off coupon for **Hartley's Jelly Pots** and limited edition fun **Tennisables character cards**

The course is mobile-friendly and flexible – you can start, pause and resume whenever it fits into your schedule!

For more details, visit the **LTA Youth Schools website**. <https://www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/schools/>

CPD—Supporting PE—An Introduction for TA's

This course has been made possible through [Inclusion 2024](#) which is a Department for Education funded grant that is helping to increase participation of children with additional needs in PE and school sport.

This short course is designed to improve your confidence in supporting the delivery of inclusive PE and to help you create outstanding experiences for every pupil regardless of their abilities.

As this is an eLearning course you will need a working internet connection to access this content. For an optimal experience, we recommend using the latest browser version.

Prices exclude VAT. (VAT at 20% will be added to the listed price at checkout).

As part of the Inclusion 2024 programme we are offering schools free access to this training. Please contact your Lead Inclusion School for the discount voucher.

A new online course for Teaching Assistants, as part of Inclusion 2024, offers four bite-sized videos on inclusive PE. Learn key skills, the TA role and the STEP model.

To **register for the course**, enter voucher code: **tainclusion2024** to get started.

A practitioner's guide to inclusive physical activity - Resources and recommendations

During the Youth Sport Trust Inclusion Live week there was an interesting webinar on a practitioner's guide to inclusive physical activity. Please look at the recording and links below.

A comprehensive guide to key resources and training for delivering inclusive physical activity, with expert contributions from The FA, Activity Alliance, Swim England, and Youth Sport Trust's Lead Inclusion School Network.

Resources:

Watch the [recording of the session](#)

The session is also available to [watch with British sign language](#)

Find out more about [school swimming and water safety](#) on the YST website

View the [SEND Shooting Stars resource](#) on the Girls' Football in Schools website

View the [SEND Shooting Stars festival resource](#) on the School Games website

Take the [Project B1 - access training module](#), available on the UK Coaching website

Register on the [Inclusive Education Hub](#)

Take the [Inclusive PE module](#) on the Activity Alliance website, use the code 'Inclusion2024' to access the course for free

View the [All About Autism e-learning](#) available on the YST website

Access the [TOP Sportsability resources](#) on the YST website, use the code 'YSTINCLUSION54' to access the resources

See guidance from the National Disability Sport Organisations in the [SEND Inclusion toolkit](#)

Download the [promoting inclusion for neurodiverse young people guidance](#)

Access the [Youth Voice resources](#) available on the YST website





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School Games Mark

The application window for School Games Mark opens on 30th April and closes on 30th July.

If you need any support prior to the window opening or during the application process, please do contact us.

One of our Development Coaches has created a tool to use to help assess where you are against this year's School Games Mark criteria for this year.

If you would like us to share this with you please ask.

We are more than happy to come and sit with you to support your application.

The summer term is always busy, so the earlier you submit your application, the easier it is.

